

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Eva Town Council held on February 8, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. in the Eva Town Hall. Present: Mayor Gary Livingston; Council Members: Kent Chambers, Bert Collins, Clarence Alexander, James Henderson and Asst. Clerk Angela Holmes.

Guests: Eloise Livingston, Darrell Ford, Joe Hill and J.D. McKey.

Mayor Livingston called the meeting to order. After roll call, informed all present that we open our meetings with prayer, if anyone objected, we would abstain from this practice at tonight's meeting. No one objected. Mayor Livingston asked Mr. Alexander to open with prayer.

Mr. Collins made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes so our guests could speak. Mr. Henderson seconded, motion carried.

Darrell Ford presented the landscaping plans for the park. He suggested random planting of trees to look more natural. Trees recommended were: Sugar Maple, October Glory Maple, Willow Oak, Pin Oak, Loblolly Pine, Slash Pine, Red Bud, Claudia Magnolia and Yeoshino Cherry. He tried to use plant material that would stand up to the weather. He would plant to block the lights from the ball field on the tennis courts, playground and walking trails. Mr. Collins voiced concerns about less lights being a security risk for park users. There would be more opportunity to hide with less light. Mr. Ford said the drawing is a starting point for the landscaping. Some of the trees may need to be moved or removed according to the park's needs. Mr. Ford said the best time to plant would be in a month or so. The trees come with a one year guarantee on the tree life. Mayor Livingston thanked him for his time and efforts on the drawing and for attending the meeting. Mr. Ford left the meeting.

Eloise Livingston reported on the Medical Clinic stating that Eva was fortunate to have such a good clinic available to the community. The community has supported Dr. Gallagher. There are 2 years left on the 7 year contract and it looks like Eva is on good terms as far as renewing the contract. The clinic is beginning to break even and the new administration at CRMC is pleased. Dr. Gallagher and the Nurse Practitioner are pleased also. CRMC had looked into putting in a water system. The town had gone ahead and installed one before they did. Mayor Livingston thanked her for coming. Mrs. Livingston left the meeting.

A. FINANCE, EDUCATION & LIBRARY-- Mr. Chambers

Mr. Chambers reported on CD # 5013 up for renewal in February. Mr. Chambers motioned to renew at the highest interest rate (at least 3%) with First Commercial, Mr. Collins seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Chambers reported on the job description for the Maintenance/Sewer position. There were three different job descriptions submitted. One from Larry Whitley of Ladd Environmental, one from Chris Lovelace from Alabama Rural Water Development about the sewer worker and one Mr. Henderson had drafted for the maintenance worker. They discussed the advantages of using Mr. Whitley's since the Town has the sewer contract with Ladd. Changes were made to Mr. Henderson's submission and it was discussed to combine the two. Mr. Chambers made a move to use Ladd's and Mr. Henderson's, with changes as noted on the attached copy, as a combined job description with the salary pending, Mr. Henderson seconded, motion carried.

B: UTILITIES & STREETS- MR. ALEXANDER

Mr. Alexander reported there were several lights out within the community. The Drug Store had requested a street light on the pole across the street from them to help with their break-in problems. Mr. Alexander made a move to have a street light installed, Mr. Collins seconded, motion carried. Council discussed having the brightest one available installed. It was decided to put one up like the ones on Lindler Street, at Earwoods and at School Rd.

Mr. Alexander reported that Pat McCauly had contacted him about putting shrubs up around the cemetery and along the street. Council discussed that it wasn't under their authority. Also, Mr. McCauly has put the building known as the Red Barn or Woodshed and a portion of the land up for sale for \$30,000.00. Mr. McCauly also told him that Mr. Jack Morgan's place and the triangular section of land across the road was also for sale by Mr. Morgan's daughter, no price was given. Council discussed that the building was eaten up with termites and wasn't worth that price. Council will discuss further and if interested will contact Mr. McCauly.

Mr. Chambers will take care of the log frames from the log sawing contest of Frontier Days that were left at the old Tire Store sight.

Mayor Livingston said Mr. Leon Mosteller was appreciative of getting his drainage problem at his driveway fixed. Mr. Joe Hill said both of his mother's culverts were stopped up and when it rains it puddles up and won't drain.

C. PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERIES - MR. PERSALL

The water cutoff valve was installed at the park.

The MPC wants a pull cart. There is one at the surplus. Mayor Livingston will check on it.

Mr. Hill recommended that the Town install automatic door closures on the doors of the bathrooms at the park. He said he had found the heaters running wide open with the doors wide open. Mr. Hill will check on a price. Mayor Livingston said if it's not too expensive to go ahead and install them.

D. POLICE, FIRE & GRANTS - MR HENDERSON

Mr. Henderson reported some changes in the By-Laws of Eva Volunteer Fire Dept. The VFD amended paragraph IV from third Thursday night in December to third Thursday night in February. Also, paragraph VII.b. from "reviewed once a year at election time in the month of December" to "the month of February".

Mr. Henderson is looking to sell the engine that the VFD no longer needs on E-Bay.

E. SANITATION & BUILDINGS- MR. COLLINS

Mr. Collins reported that he has the bulbs to put up at the Health Clinic. He will take care of this.

Mr. Chambers requested that we set a date for a work session to decide on the salary for the position. Mr. Chambers will be unable to attend for a few weeks due to his coaching schedule but

he has the general plan for the council to go by. It was decided to have a work session on Monday, January 28, 2005 at 4:30 at the Town Hall. Mayor and Council will work on sewer rates at this time.

Deputy McKey reported of complaints of excessive noise in the duplex renter house just north of the 4-way stop. Loud music and cars have been reported over the weekend. He spoke to the tenants to quiet down or he would ticket them heavily. If the noise does not stop the owner of the duplex can have his license pulled and would not be able to rent the duplex. Deputy McKey will be off this weekend but recommends that if it happens again to call the Sheriff's Department. He can work a weekend and "shut it down" if necessary.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES & OFFICERS

No Report

HEARINGS ON PETITIONS, APPOLES. COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, COMMUC. ETC

No Report

AUDITING ACCOUNTS – MOTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS & PAY BILLS

Motion to pay bills – Mr Chambers motioned to pay bills, Mr. Alexander seconded, carried.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS & OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Livingston reported that the Town is still discussing a new building with the VFD.

Mayor Livingston reported that Mayor Don Kyle of Decatur has requested that local Mayors discuss and approve the signing of a letter that will give control of the Lurleen B. Wallace Center back to the Morgan County EDA. The council would need to vote to sign the letter. Mr. Collins made a move for Mayor Livingston to sign the letter, Mr. Chambers seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Livingston asked if everyone had read the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on January 11, 2005. Mr. Alexander made a move to approve the minutes, Mr. Chambers seconded, motion carried.

Council members approved signing the Ladd contract.

Mr. Collins made a move to close the meeting, Mr. Chambers seconded, motion carried.

ATTEST:



Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Mayor