

Minutes of Meeting of Eva Town Council held in regular session February 8, 1900, at 7:00 p.m., attended by the Mayor Ryan, Charles Nichols, Bert Collins, Donald Ray Morgan, Gary Livingston, and Alton Page and Debra Pruitt. Meeting was opened by prayer by Mayor Ryan.

Motion made by Bert Collins, seconded by Donald Ray Morgan (carried) to dispense with the reading of the minutes until after we hear from the visitors.

Mayor Ryan called on Gene Fox who requested the Council to permit him to rent the Old Town Hall with the option to buy within one year. He plans to establish an engine repair service. Motion by Alton Page to form a committee to discuss the rental rates and intended usage of the Old Town Hall. They will inform Mr. Fox of their decision at a later date. Gary Livingston second the motion. Carried. Mr. Fox requested that the Council contact him as soon as possible.

Michael Cavanaugh, Terry Childers, and Gary Driver represented the Eva Activities Association. Terry Childers stated that the 2 back ballfields did not slope enough to provide for safe mowing. He said they may need to haul in extra dirt to raise it to a 3.1 plane. Charles Nichols made a motion to slope the fields. Bert Collins second. Carried. Terry also said that some Gum Pond residents had expressed concern that at a future date the Council may take total control of the park from the Association and limit their access to the park. Mr. Nichols assured the Association that the Council would abide by the agreement reached between the two groups recorded in the minutes of the November 21, 1989 Town Council Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1-Recreation Park- Loretta Brannon from NARCOG in Decatur advised the Council to open a new non-interest bearing account at this time. She needs a statement showing that the Town of Eva has spent the amount needed to be matched. She requested that Debra go with her to Guntersville State Park, Feb. 23, 1990, to attend a Land & Water Conservation Grant Workshop. (M:Page; S:Livingston; Carried)
- 2-Cable- Mark Berry said 90% of the cable lines have been laid in the City of Eva. They are now waiting for activation of power supplies from Joe Wheeler. They should have service beginning within 30 days.
- 3-New signs have been delivered. Mayor Ryan said he would contact Bob Woodruff who has a pneumatic drill to install the signs.
- 4-Roads and Streets- Mayor talked to Fronk Taylor; still pending.
- 5-Mike Hopper Annexation- Mike said Mr. Nesmith had sold the property to Glenn Davis from B'ham and he had not been able to contact Mr. Davis but was still trying.
- 6-Assistance to Dentist- Mayor Ryan obtained an opinion form the Ethics Commission concerning the town providing financial assistance to the town's Dentist. It was determined that the Town Council would be in conflict to offer financial assistance to him.

7. Ray Whisenant's estimates for 1990 accounting services are as follows:
\$250-400. Assist Clerk in setting up books

\$700. Annual Audit

The council discussed the amounts Mr. Whisenant requested and determined that they were reasonable. Motion by Gary Livingston to except estimates and hire Mr. Whisenant as the Town's accountant for the following year. Seconded by Bert Collins. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Ryan explain that the Library typewriter had quit and was unable to be repaired due to the age of the machine. It was decided to give the Library the Smith Corona and purchase a new one for the Town Hall. Bids are as follows:

Office Equipment-	IBM Willwriter 30
	\$1,175.00
	<u>x10.% Disc.</u>
	\$1,000.00

Cullman Times-	Cannon AP170	Made in U.S.A.
	\$1,079.00	
	<u>x24.% Disc.</u>	
	\$ 820.00	

L&N Office Supply- Information requested but no response.

Motion made by Bert Collins to purchase the lowest bid (Cannon AP170)
Seconded by Charles Nichols. Carried.

2. Green Thumb Worker- Debra attended and Advisory Board Meeting in Anniston Feb. 6th and requested an application for the Town of Eva to become a Host Agency if the Council approves. The Council voted to have Debra submit the application. (M:Bert; S:Alton; Carried)
3. The Council voted to pay the cost of an actuarial study for the Clerk's retirement benefits. (M:Gary; S:Bert; Carried)
4. Mayor explained that a rep. from The Cullman Times had ask the Town to purchase an add to be placed in their newspaper to show the progress of our town. A full page would cost \$685.00; a 3/4 page cost \$520.00.; and a 1/2 page cost \$340.00. Burt Collins commented that he did not feel this was a good use of tax payer's money. The Council voted not to place the add. (M:Gary; S:Donald; Carried)
5. 50% of the park ground work has been completed and according to the contract we should make the first draw to pay Mr. Hooten (\$20,000.) Bert motioned to pay Mr. Hooten, seconded by Charles, carried.
6. Discussed Sheriff Deputy coverage for Eva. A committee consisting of Alton, Gary, Bert, and the Mayor will attend a Morgan County Commission Meeting to discuss the town's needs.

7. Curtis Nelson requested the Council place an add in The 53rd Gospel Signing Convention Booklet to be held in Decatur. Motion by Gary not to place the add stating that for that portion of the budget we had prior commitments. Seconded by Charles. Carried.
8. Pay bills as presented on attached sheet. (M:Alton; S:Donald; Carried)

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Burt requested the Council to fix a dangerous culvert at Eva Tire.
2. Gene Fox's Request- Although the Council does not want to discourage new businesses in the Town of Eva, after discussing the matter it was with mutual agreement not to rent the building to Mr. Fox for the purpose of establishing an engine repair shop because the old Town Hall is located next to the Dental Clinic.
3. Burt motioned to have Debra sign on all checking accounts. Second by Alton. Carried.
4. Need to check on obtaining an employee dishonesty bond for the Clerk. (M:Alton; S:Donald Ray; Carried)
5. Mayor suggested we have an appreciation dinner for retiring Clerk, Bonnie Holmes sometime in April. (M:Gary; S:Alton; Carried)
Debra will check on details.

Motion to adjourn. (M:Bert; S:Charles; Carried)

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