

Minutes of the Meeting of the Eva Town Council held in regular session on Jan. 8, 1981, 7 p.m., chaired by the Mayor. Councilmen Livingston, Morgan, Hipps and Nichols were present.

Minutes of the Dec. 11 meeting were read and approved. Financial report giving end-of-December balances was accepted as presented:

General Fund	\$3260.48
Gasoline Tax Fund	\$ 32.99
Revenue Sharing Fund	\$ 613.76
Volunteer Fire Department	\$2377.77
Passbook Savings-Gen. Fund	\$ 32.88

The Mayor announced that the concrete porch at the Saddle Club Building was finished, but the porch cover has not been added yet. There is still a problem of rain blowing in around the door, and the people getting wet going into the building. He said that someone needs to check with Birlen to try to get the cover added.

He said that the Lions Club was told about the availability of Shelia Creel of the Cullman Times to do a story on their giving the money to the Volunteer Fire Dept. For a good picture, she wanted them to come into town to the Times building whenever they are available. However, she will come out some time if this is not feasible.

The gasoline-in-the-ditch problem was discussed. The Mayor said that he would check it again after this rain; there is not much there now. He will still write the Gulf and 66 companies to ask them to do some tests as the other stations have done. He said that he needs to review the books again on what should be done. He said that we could get some help from the State on getting samples if it is needed.

The following actions were taken by the Council by unanimous vote:

- To replace the caution light at the intersection of Highways 35 and 55.
- To pay John Smith \$5 for travel expenses to each meeting of the Morgan County Rural Fire Department Association, in Hartselle.
- To purchase batteries for the fire trucks as required.
- To buy another ~~pack~~ pack for the fire department.
- To buy some other fire equipment that is needed.

The Council pledged left-over monies from the Volunteer Fire Department in 1980 for the last three items listed above, plus the installation of the fire alarm system. It was voted to contract someone to ~~make the necessary~~ install the system, preferably on a tower. A rough estimate of the cost for this installation was suggested as \$800.00.

The Council discussed possibility of putting some of the general fund income into savings or money market to draw enough interest to pay the fire hydrant loan payments. No final decision was made on amount, etc.

Mr. Nichols offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Morgan, that we look into the possibility of buying the property where the Saddle Club Building is located. Motion carried.

The Mayor will talk to the County about making a shoulder on the road between the school and downtown Eva for the children to walk on. It is very dangerous for them as it is. He will also talk to Mr. Summerford about paving the road from the highway past the Town Hall building at least.

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Mr. Nichols offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Morgan, to transfer \$100 from the General Fund to the Gasoline Tax Fund to pay the bill for street lights when it arrives, plus paying the other bills as follows: Town Hall electricity, water bill of \$7.44; net phone bill of \$30.89; Clerk's salary for December \$63.49; Post Office Box rent \$8.00; miscellaneous office supplies \$4.31; \$5.00 for 50 post cards to send reminders of privilege license due; Gas for Senior Citizens Center \$139.80; one year's garbage collection for Senior Citizens Center \$48.00; From Volunteer Fire Department Account \$3.58 for four keys; NAFECO for filling fire extinguisher \$15.00; \$10 annual dues to the Morgan County Rural Fire Department Association, plus a special request from them for \$15.00; Motion carried.

There being no further business, Mr. Livingston offered the motion that the meeting be adjourned.

Bonnie Holmes, Clerk

Approved: 2-12-81

The "gas<sup>h</sup>one in the ditch" problem was discussed again. The Council decided that if a problem still exists on the West Side of Highway 35 after the next general rain, that a concerted effort be made through the County, Civil Defense and existing distributors, to solve the problem. It was decided that since the Texaco and Exxon distributors have done tests on their tanks, that a letter be drafted to the Phillips 66 and Gulf distributors, telling them that we have on file results of tank calibrations and tests from Texaco and Exxon, and that we believe it only fair that they provide some kind of accounting of their equipment. Tell them that this accounting could be through an air test on their tanks or through their records (required by law) for the past six months. The Mayor, with the Clerk, will draft said letters.

The contracts for the fiscal year 1980-81 Eva Nutrition Site for Senior Citizens was discussed. Two copies were received from NARCOG which have to be signed by the Mayor if the Town of Eva wishes to continue supporting this program. Mr. Morgan offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Nichols, that the Town of Eva continue this support for the elderly, and that the contracts be signed and returned. Motion carried.

The Mayor read from the report of the Census Bureau the new total head count in the Town of Eva is 185.

There being no further business, Mr. Livingston offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Mobley, that the meeting be adjourned.

Bonnie Holmes  
Clerk

*Approved*  
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