

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Eva Town Council held on January 14, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. in the Eva Town Hall. Present: Mayor Gary Livingston, council members Burt Collins, C. C. Mosteller, Clarence Alexander, Kent Chambers, Brian Brown and Clerk Judy Fortenberry.

Guest: Bobby Earwood, James Henderson, Mike Corley and Steve Campbell with the Morgan County Sheriffs Department and Shannon Brown.

After roll call Mayor Livingston asked Mr. Collins to open the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Brown motion to dispense with reading of the minutes until after hearing from our guests, Mr. Collins seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Livingston thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and turned the meeting over to Deputy Corley. Deputy Corley introduced Steve Campbell as the Deputy assigned to the Eva area, and stated that he only wanted to bring the Council up to date on pending matters. One being the purchase of the vehicle by the Town of Eva, car is in will be on the street within the next day or two. Deputy Corley stated that the new Sheriff will go into office on Sunday night the 20<sup>th</sup> of January, under the new Sheriff he Corley will serve as Chief Deputy with his duties requiring more of his time at the Courthouse, but that we would continue to see as much of him as before, because he would be coming through Eva to go to and from work. He stated that Eva would continue to receive the coverage we had before, he stated that several deputies live within this area and that they could be here within minutes. Deputies Corley and Campbell left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Mayor Livingston welcome Bobby Earwood and asked if Mr. Earwood would like to address the Council. Mr. Earwood stated that he was enjoying the visit with the Council, and that he was present to ask the Council to address a problem with the street lighting at Lindler and Hwy 55 East. He stated that he and his brothers own the building that houses six businesses and that two of the six were open after dark or until around 8:00 p.m., which presents a safety problem in the winter when it gets dark early. He asked if anything could be done to upgrade the existing streetlight at the north end of the building and if a light could be place across the street in front of John's Discount Store or at the south end of his complex. He also stated that a speed limit sign was needed at this location due to the heavy traffic on 55 East. Mayor and Council discussed in detail and agreed to get in touch with Joe Wheeler EMC and see if the light could be upgraded and if a new light could be placed within the right-of-way. Also sated that we were working on getting a speed limit sign installed and that we could ask the deputies to write tickets for speeding.

Mayor asked Mr. Brown if he had anything to bring before the Council, Mr. Brown stated that he would like to volunteer his services to the Town to keep the land that is owned by the Town mowed at no cost to the Town. His proposal to the Town is the Town to buy the seed, and he will plant and maintain at no cost to the Town if he could get the hay off the land. Mayor stated he would keep his name on file and let him know in a few months. Mayor stated that hopefully the sewer system would be going in sometime this summer.

Mr. Henderson stated his business concerned the walking trail at the park, that in several places the trail is eroding and that three or four loads of gravel are needed and the water needs to be rerouted at the back of the ball fields. Mayor asked Mr. Collins to check and see if Ricky Frost

had completed the work around the storage building. Mayor stated that early spring was when we normal repair the walking trail. Mr. Brown made a note to check on the walking trail and report back to the Council.

Mayor Livingston asked if everyone had read minutes of the December 10, 2002 regular council meeting. Mr. Alexander motion to approve, Mr. Collins seconded, carried.

Mayor asks if everyone had read the minutes from the safety meeting of December 12, 2002. Mr. Brown motion to approve, Mr. Chambers seconded, carried.

#### **A. FINANCE & EDUCATION - MR. MOSTELLER**

Mr. Mosteller reported that he had talked with the Library personnel and that everything is going as scheduled concerning the acquisition of new computer equipment and data input.

Reported that two CD had been renewed at the rate of 2.5% for 12 months with no penalty for early withdrawal.

Mr. Mosteller brought before the Council his concern of the Agriculture Building at the local school. It is his personal feeling that we should try to save the building if at all possible. If the Town could obtain the building we could use the basement for Town Hall, and the top portion be used as a museum. Mayor asked Mr. Mosteller if he knew of any grants available or funds to renovate the building. Mayor also stated the Morgan County Board of Education owns the building and we could do nothing without their approval. Mr. Brown stated that he has a meeting with Superintendent Murphy next week and would bring up the matter. Mayor stated he would get with Mr. Murphy and find out the condition of the building. Mr. Henderson volunteered to look into what all is required to put the building on the Alabama Historical Register.

#### **B. UTILITIES – MR. ALEXANDER**

Mr. Alexander reported that he would call Jimmy Davis with Joe Wheeler and meet with him and the Mayor to discuss the lighting at the Earwood Building.

#### **C. STREETS, PARKS, & CEMETERIES – Mr. BROWN**

Mr. Brown reported that he had met with Don Stisher concerning the roads in our area; Hwy 55 will not be done until the whole road can be resurfaced. He stated that the culvert at the school is the #1 priority.

Mayor requested Mr. Brown look into seeding the ballpark fields with Bermuda grass

#### **D. POLICE & FIRE – MR CHAMBERS**

Mr. Chambers reported that Chief Holmes had requested his help in getting back radios signed out to inactive volunteers. Chief Holmes has written letters with no success; hopefully with the Mayor writing a letter the radios will be returned.

Reported we had zero fire call and 8 EMT calls during the month of December.

**E. RECREATION & SANITATION – MR. COLLINS**

No Report

**REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES & OFFICERS**

No Report

**HEARINGS ON PETITIONS, APPOLOCS. COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, COMMUC. ETC**

No Report

**AUDITING ACCOUNTS – MOTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS & PAY BILLS**

Motion to pay bills – Mr. Mosteller motioned to pay bills, Mr. Collins seconded, motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS & OTHER BUSINESS**

Resolution 03-01 Title: Authorization for Mayor to enter into and administrative Project number 02-LW-01-789 with the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs for the construction of a playground located in the Shorty Ryan park was introduced by Councilmember Collins and read at length.

Councilmember Brown moved that all rules governing the council, which might, unless suspended, prevent the passage and adoption of the resolution at this meeting, be and the same are hereby suspended for the purpose of permitting the said resolution to be fully passed and adopted at this meeting.

Councilmember Mosteller seconded this motion.

That the question was put before the council and on roll call the vote was as follows:

Mayor Livingston	Yea	Councilmember Mosteller	Yea
Councilmember Chambers	Yea	Councilmember Brown	Yea
Councilmember Collins	Yea	Councilmember Alexander	Yea

Mayor Livingston declared the motion adopted by unanimous vote of the members present.

Councilmember Alexander moved that the said Resolution 03-01, be finally passed and adopted as introduced.

Councilmember Chambers second this motion.

Mayor Livingston presiding officer put the question of final passage and the adoption of said resolution to vote of the council, and on call of the roll the results were as follows:

Mayor Livingston            Yea  
Councilmember Chambers   Yea  
Councilmember Collins     Yea

Councilmember Mosteller   Yea  
Councilmember Brown       Yea  
Councilmember Alexander   Yea

Mayor Livingston presiding officer announced the result of the vote, and declared Resolution 03-01 finally passed and adopted.

Mayor Livingston recommended that Town Clerk, Judy Fortenberry be approved to attend the Municipal Clerk Certification Training to be held February 5-7, 2003, at a cost of approximately \$400.00. Mr. Brown motion to approve, Mr. Collins seconded, carried.

Mayor Livingston read letter from the Eva Art Guild requesting a location to place a 12' x 12' movable storage building on Town property. Mayor will look into the legality of this.

Mr. Chamber motion to adjourn, Mr. Brown second, carried.

APPROVED

ATTEST:

*Eva Town Clerk*