

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Eva Town Council held on January 13, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. in the Eva Town Hall. Present: Mayor Gary Livingston, Council Members Bert Collins, Kent Chambers, Clarence Alexander, Brian Brown, James Henderson and Clerk Judy Fortenberry.

Guest: Joe Hill and Mike Miller

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 asked Mr. Collins to open with prayer.

Mayor Livingston asked if everyone had read the minutes of the regular council meeting of December 15, 2003 and the Safety Meeting held on December 16, 2003. Mr. Collins motion to accept, Mr. Henderson seconded, carried.

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

Mr. Chambers's motion for Clerk to get the best interest rate for CD No. 8249 with a maturity date of 1/22/04, and CD No. 10810 maturity date of 1/17/04. Mr. Brown second, carried.

Mr. Chamber's presented his figures on the sewer system cost estimate. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to have a work session on Monday January 19, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. with Jay Mullins First Commercial Bank President, and Larry Whitley President, with Ladd Environmental Consultants, Inc.

#### **B: UTILITIES – MR. ALEXANDER**

Mr. Alexander reported that the septic tank at the Town Hall was pumped/lines cleaned out and was recommended by the man cleaning out the tanks to replace the commodes in both restrooms. Clerk reported that the hot water heater is not working. Mayor reported that the gas hot water heater located upstairs is hooked up to the gas but not to water and that this would be a good time to convert over to gas. Mr. Alexander motion for Joe Hill to connect the hot water heater and to replace both commodes, Mr. Collins second, carried.

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

Mr. Brown reported that the tires on the back of the new tractor were replaced and old ones taken to the storage building at the park, and as of this time the front tires had not come in.

Also stated the goals and equipment for the soccer team is off the fields, but bleachers have not been moved.

Clerk to call Southern States and have them fertilizer the field.

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

Mr. Henderson reported he would attend the Drug Task Force Meeting on Thursday night the 15 of January.

Mr. Henderson reported that the fire department had receive a check for \$500 from General Electric and a check for \$400 from BAE Systems Analytical Solutions Inc., Clerk will write thank you letter to both companies.

Mr. Henderson had several questions concerning the park: one being why do we keep supplies (candy, drinks etc.) at the park after ball season. If these were not stored at that address then we would probably not have a problem with break-ins at the park.

He also reported several lights out at the park, and stated that he went along with Mr. Collins concerning adding additional lights on Hwy 55, especially at Lindler Street. Was recommended to call Jimmy Davis with Joe Wheeler EMC and get cost estimates on additional lights.

He suggested having Joe Hill to look at the trail and see what could be done to the park to take care of some of the water coming across the trail, especially at the area near the storage building and between the two ball fields.

Mayor and Mr. Brown will get together and stake out the pavilion on the upper side of the playground, one without electricity and water.

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

Mr. Collins reported the problems with the garbage being put into the dumpster in the parking lot across from the Exxon Station. Clerk will call Mr. Childers and see what kind of garbage pickup he is providing for his building, or if the merchants are providing their own.

#### **REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES & OFFICERS**

No Report

#### **HEARINGS ON PETITIONS, APPOLCs. COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, COMMUC. ETC**

No Report

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

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

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

Mayor brought before the Council the need to raise the salary of the council and Mayor positions before the upcoming election in August; this has to be done before February 28, 2004.

After a length discussion Mr. Brown motion to raise the Mayor's salary to \$400 and keep the council members at \$200, Mr. Alexander seconded, carried. Clerk will do necessary paper work for next meeting.

Mayor brought before the council the need to make another trip to Washington this spring with the Morgan County Chamber of Commerce, to request additional funds for the sewer system. Clerk will get with the Chamber and check on cost and dates of the trip.

Mr. Chambers motion to adjourn, Mr. Brown seconded, carried.

APPROVED

ATTEST:

Mva Town Clerk