



TOWN OF EVA
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KENT CHAMBERS
TOWN CLERK
KIMBERLY CRYER

The minutes of the regular meeting of Eva Town Council were held on January 13, 2026, at 6:30 PM.
Present: Mayor Kent Chambers, Council Members: Martin Nelson, Teri Bailey, Ron Ryan, Shelia Dudley, Wes Stephens and Town Clerk Kimberly Cryer, Assistant Clerk Alex Baker

Guests: Matthew Frost, Joyce Woodall, Jon Farmer, Judi Farmer, Josh Livingston, Gary Livingston, Roger Burrow, Blaire Drummond, Chelsea Sparks, Riley Risner, Fisher Anaya, Chesney Taylor, Ryan Anaya, Lydia Ming, Betty Ward, Kenneth Ward, Paula Brown, Chad Ward, Crystal Ward, William Fite, Edsel Childers, Nana Gaye Nelson

The mayor called the meeting to order. After roll call, Mayor Kent Chambers informed all present that we open our meetings with prayer; Councilmember Martin Nelson led in prayer. Councilmember Wes Stephens then Led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Kent Chambers recognized Fisher Anaya and presented him with Proclamation 26-01-01 Angler of the Year. Fisher Anaya thanked the town for its recognition.

Mayor Kent Chambers introduced Chelsea Sparks with Child Trafficking Solutions Project. Chelsea Sparks said that she appreciated the Town of Eva participating in proclaiming January human trafficking prevention month. She also said she would get together some packets to bring back to Town Hall with information about Child Trafficking Solutions Project. Mayor Kent Chambers then presented Chelsea Sparks with Proclamation 26-01-02 January 2026 Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

Mayor Kent Chambers requested a motion to approve the minutes of December 9, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, Councilmember Nelson so motioned; Councilmember Dudley seconded; all ayes-motion carried.

A. FINANCE, EDUCATION & LIBRARY- MR. RYAN

- Announced that all the funds have been converted into accounts that draw interest and we are projected to earn \$90,000 this year just in interest. Mayor Kent Chambers credited Councilman Ryan for all he has done and making the Town money.
- Said that he is looking into getting a credit card for the town for gas that will earn credit back.
- Announced that he was firm on basic insurance through LocalGov and that he is still researching it.
- Said that he noticed last week that the sewer notice to inform the sewer customers on who to call in case of a sewer emergency needs to be updated. Mayor Kent Chambers asked Kim Cryer, Town Clerk, if it had been updated and Kim Cryer said that we updated it and mailed it out earlier today.
- Introduced Joyce Woodall, librarian. Joyce Woodall said that their numbers are picking up and that they have had 62 people visit the library in the last 2 days. They have put in a grant for the library, and they are just waiting to hear back on it. Joyce Woodall explained that the town will not have to match this grant if they get it. She then thanked



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everyone who helped with the tinsel trail and said that it turned out amazing. The library will be having an author's night on February 19 at 6:30 pm and there will be 2 children's book authors there. Joyce announced that they will have a board meeting on January 26 at 2:00 PM.

B. UTILITIES & STREETS – MRS. BAILEY

- Said that she got with Matthew Frost and they will be starting on the project on Sanders Road on January 26.
- Discussed that she met with Joe Wheeler about getting two lights put up in the pavilion parking lot. It will cost \$425 a pole with 70 watt led bulbs. With using the led bulbs, it will only cost the town \$7 a month. Councilmember Bailey so motioned; Councilmember Stephens seconded; all ayes-motion carried.
- Discussed that she would like to add a streetlight between Childers Road and the park. She said there is a transformer pole in the yard of the church property and the church agreed that it would be okay with them if we put one on that pole as long as we are paying for it. It will be a \$75 installation fee and then \$7 a month for the light. Councilmember Bailey so motioned; Councilmember Dudley seconded; all ayes-motion carried.
- Said that she also spoke to Joe Wheeler about getting service to the maintenance building and that she is still looking into it.
- Discussed that we need to update the speed limit ordinance and that she is still researching it and will discuss it further at the work session.

C. PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERIES – MRS. DUDLEY

- Said that she is getting Matthew Frost to look at adding a culvert on the Gravel Ridge Road side of the park behind the batting cages so that activities can access that area and store their equipment back there.
- Discussed that she is looking into getting windscreens for the ballfields as well as looking at getting some quotes for lights and outlets for the dugouts.
- Said that she asked CSA to give her a quote on putting in fans and louvers at the batting cages. The quote she received to complete this project is \$7,950. Councilmember Dudley so motioned; Councilmember Ryan seconded; all ayes-motion carried.
- Announced that the electronic goals that the school and activities went in on and both paid half of the cost should be installed next week. The total amount that was paid for these goals was \$14,500. Eva School got a grant for \$7,500 and put it towards buying the goals and the activities association agreed that they would pay the remaining balance.
- Discussed that there are two drains at the ballfields, that Matthew Frost is going to look at, that needs fixing and made more safe for the children.



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D. POLICE, FIRE & GRANTS – MR. STEPHENS

- Said that he is still looking at getting one more quote for a laptop for the Volunteer Fire Department.
- Discussed that he spoke with Motorola about getting quotes for new multiband radios for the Volunteer Fire Department and that Motorola is going to help them get set up with Lexipol grant program and hopefully get a grant to cover the cost of those.
- Said that the Volunteer Fire Department is looking at new turnout gear because theirs will be expiring soon.
- Said that the Volunteer Fire Department passed their ladder testing.
- Councilmember Stephens then said that the Volunteer Fire Department was called out 29 times last month and thanked them for all that they do.
- Discussed about putting in for the sewer grant as well as the ballpark lights grant. Mayor Kent Chambers added that he spoke to Dale Strong personally and he encouraged us to put in for those grants as the appropriations for fiscal year 2027 should be good.
- Said that he reached out to the sheriff about opening discussion about the contract that we have with morgan county providing us with a deputy.

E. SANITATION & BUILDINGS- MR. NELSON

- Discussed wanting to change the amount of money to rent the multipurpose center. Council members agreed to discuss it more at the work session.
- Discussed that he wants the town to only accept cash due to bad checks. Councilmembers discussed maybe charging a fee for bad checks and that they would discuss it further at the work session.
- Said that he wants to get things going as far as looking into retirement. Council members said they'd look into it and discuss it at the work session.
- Announced that Jeff Frost fixed the downspouts at the medical building and the multipurpose center and the invoice needs to be paid. Councilmember Nelson so motioned; Councilmember Bailey seconded; all ayes-motion carried.
- Said that he also wants to look into the contract for the medical building and look at raising the rent. Council members agreed to discuss it further at the work session.

F. HEARINGS ON PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

- William Fite announced that he gathers toys and donations for toy for tots and thanked the people of Eva for their generosity and kindness. He said that there have been 20 boxes of toys in the last three years that come out of Eva and expressed how amazing that was. He said that there were two families that were turned down for toys this year and expressed how upset that made him. He has reached out to the ones responsible



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for turning the families down and let them know how upset it made him as well. Mayor Kent Chambers thanked him for his service as a Marine and thanked him for all he does.

G. AUDITING ACCOUNTS – MOTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS & PAY BILLS

- The mayor requested a motion to pay bills. Councilmember Nelson so motioned; Councilmember Ryan seconded; All Ayes-motion carried.

H. RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS & OR BUSINESS - Mayor Livingston

Presented 2026-01-01 A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Alabama Department of Revenue to Administer and Collect Sales, Use, and Rental Taxes Levied by the Town of Eva

Council Member Stephens 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 2026-01-01 to be finally passed and adopted at this meeting.

That Council member Bailey seconded this motion.

That the 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 Chambers	Yea	Council Member Dudley	Yea
Council Member Ryan	Yea	Council Member Bailey	Yea
Council Member Nelson	Yea	Council Member Stephens	Yea

That the presiding officer declares the motion adopted by unanimous vote of the members present.

Council Member Stephens moved that the said Resolution 2026-01-01 be finally passed and adopted as introduced.

That Council Member Bailey seconded this motion.



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That the 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 Chambers	Yea	Council Member Dudley	Yea
Council Member Ryan	Yea	Council Member Bailey	Yea
Council Member Nelson	Yea	Council Member Stephens	Yea

The presiding officer announced the result of the vote and declared the Resolution 2026-01-01 finally passed and adopted.

Presented 2026-01-01 An Ordinance Providing for a Pet Friendly Storm Shelter Designation; Authorizing the Mayor to Establish Rules and Regulations for Persons Bringing Pets to the Shelter, Declaring Violations of Rules and Regulations to be Misdemeanors and Providing Punishment Upon Conviction of Such Violations

Council Member Dudley moved that all rules governing the council which might unless suspended, prevent the passage and adoption of the Ordinance at this meeting, be and the same are hereby suspended for the purpose of permitting the said Ordinance 2026-01-01 to be finally passed and adopted at this meeting.

That Council member Nelson seconded this motion.

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

Mayor Chambers	Yea	Council Member Dudley	Yea
Council Member Ryan	Yea	Council Member Bailey	Yea
Council Member Nelson	Yea	Council Member Stephens	Yea

That the presiding officer declares the motion adopted by unanimous vote of the members present.

Council Member Dudley moved that the said Ordinance 2026-01-01 be finally passed and adopted as introduced.

That Council Member Nelson seconded this motion.



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

Mayor Chambers	Yea	Council Member Dudley	Yea
Council Member Ryan	Yea	Council Member Bailey	Yea
Council Member Nelson	Yea	Council Member Stephens	Yea

The presiding officer announced the result of the vote and declared the Ordinance 2026-01-01 finally passed and adopted.

I. NEW BUSINESS - Mayor Chambers

- Asked Councilmembers if February 3 at 5:30 would work for everyone to hold a work session. All the Councilmembers agreed.
- Gave Councilmembers a list of projects and ideas and informed everyone that bold means they have been completed and red means they are newly added.
- Said that he is working on quotes for handrails per ADA requirements and should have a quote ready by the work session.
- Said that the Town of Eva is the secretary/treasurer of the North Alabama Mayors Association and that this account is in Gary Livingston’s name. In order for the Town of Eva to continue to oversee this account Gary Livingston is going to go to Premier Bank and get a cashiers check of \$17,227.30 , which is the total amount that is in the account, then give that money over to Mayor Kent Chambers and Town Clerk Kimberly Cryer to take down to Eva Bank and open an account and have their names put on the account so we still have access to reconcile the account.
- Announced that we are getting the very first minutes of the Town of Eva framed and plan to hang them up in the Town Hall.
- Discussed that Kimberly Cryer, Town Clerk, and Alex Baker, Assistant Clerk, had been working on getting all the minutes organized and they are requesting two fireproof cabinets to store the minutes in. Kimberly Cryer said that we will research it some more and have that information ready for the work session.

J. OLD BUSINESS- Mayor Chambers

- Said that Brennam Kruger with the Eagle Scouts called and gave an update on the food pantry box and that he is in the process of gathering materials and will be building it soon.



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- Asked the council if there is anything else they would like to discuss about the handbook before approving the updated version. All Councilmembers agreed that it looked good. Mayor Kent Chambers recommended that someone make a motion to approve the updated version of the handbook. Councilmember Stephens so motioned; Councilmember Nelson seconded; all ayes-motion carried.
- Announced that the Town website is almost complete. Kimberly Cryer presented the website and walked everyone through it. Mayor Kent Chambers said that we want to do some final touches before going live.

Mayor Kent Chambers requested a motion to adjourn, Councilmember Nelson so motioned, Councilmember Ryan seconded; All Ayes- motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

Mayor Kent Chambers

ATTEST:

Town Clerk Kimberly Cryer