

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Eva Town Council held on January 12, 1995, at the Eva Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. with the following present: Mayor Livingston, Charles Nichols, Afton Fowler, Cleo Alexander, Bert Collins, and not present was Larry Smith.

After roll call by Mayor, Mr. Alexander opened with prayer. Mr. Fowler made motion to approve reading of minutes and Mr. Alexander second, carried.

1. FINANCE/EDUCATION - MR. NICHOLS

Mrs. Livingston was not present to give library report. Mayor advised council that \$29,708.50 had been received from Joe Wheeler, EMC for payment in-lieu-of taxes for 1993 & 1994. As of December 31, 1994, there was no longer T.Accts. offered at the bank. Three of the town's bank accounts are considered "Now Accounts" and paid interest of 3.25% which is much lower than previous interest. The check from Joe Wheeler makes the balance approx. \$67,000. When the ad valorem check is received by VFD, Mayor suggested that those three "Now Accounts" being T. Acct., VFD and Sewer have withdrawals to purchase C.D's so that more interest can be earned. \$50,000 from T.Acct ( or General Fund) \$60,000 from sewer and whatever the amount of ad valorem check on VFD. Mayor also suggested to transfer from previous General Fund account approx. balance of \$980.00 to the new "Now Account" to earn interest. Mr. Nichols made motion for Mayor to get interest rates at other banks to set up as many C.D's as possible and transfer remaining balance from previous General Fund account to new "Now Account", Mr. Alexander second, carried.

Mayor advised that the lighting was very poor at the Library since the taller book shelves had been added. He suggested that new light covers replace the original covers. Mr. Collins advised there needed to be flood lights or a security light at the back of the library since he had noticed vehicles and different objects behind the library during the night. Mr. Nichols made motion to change the light covers inside the library and add a security light at the back of the building, namely one installed by the town. Mr. Fowler second, carried.

2. UTILITIES - MR. ALEXANDER

Mr. Alexander advised that Kermit Morris ask if natural gas was going down Adams Rd. Mr. Alexander stated that he advised Mr. Morris and whoever on the road wanted natural gas to go down to Cullman-Jefferson and sign up. No other report given.

3. STREETS, PARKS, CEMETARIES - MR. FOWLER

Mr. Fowler advised that heaters were put in all areas at the concession stand in the park to avoid any freezing damage. He had talked with the Carnell family about the cedar trees on the road banks and they advised they would keep the limbs cut if the county would not "butcher" them again since they are not in the town limits. Mayor advised that county engineer suggested to wait until spring to start any patching or striping of roads.

After discussion concerning the property for sale next to the cemetery, Mr. Collins made motion to purchase the land for approx. \$6,000 for cemetery development, Mr. Fowler second, carried.

4. POLICE/FIRE - GIVEN BY MAYOR LIVINGSTON IN ABSENCE OF MR. SMITH

Mayor reports that the Fire Department by-laws had been updated since the department voted to dispense of President and V. President, keep all the other officer position and add Senior Advisor, that being Emern Holmes, Jr., since his retirement as chief. After reading the the revised by-laws, Mr. Collins made motion to approve, Mr. Alexander second, carried.

Mayor advised that annual meeting of all volunteers would be sometime the middle of February.

5. RECREATION & SANITATION - MR. COLLINS

Mr. Collins advised that he had talked with Chris Ryan, treasurer of Eva Activities, concerning a meeting with the officers. Chris advised that it would be Monday or Monday week if he could get all the officers together.

6. No report from Special Committees or Officers

7. HEARINGS ON PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, ETC.

Mayor advised that A. C. Methvin had made offer of \$56,000 for the old town hall and building and would like a lease/purchase if possible. Mayor advised that league attorney, Ken Smith, advised against the matter. He also advised that T. O. White was not interested at this time because of another business deal he was working on. Mayor advised that the dentist, Dr. Turner, wanted to know what was being done concerning a better office. After lengthy discussion concerning all the above, Mayor advised that he would meet again with Mr. Methvin concerning his proposal and report to council.

Mayor advised that Steve Oden (Joe Wheeler, EMC rep.) has advised that their financial planner had agreed to work with the Town of Eva concerning a low interest loan to provide a spec building in industrial park. Joe Wheeler, EMC has engineers who will lay out the park at no cost to the town. Mayor also advised that Joe Wheeler, EMC was interested in purchasing 3 - 5 acres in the industrial park for a sub-station in order to provide additional power to the surrounding area. Mr. Oden advised that an Environmental Impact Study would be necessary. Mayor advised that cost is approx. \$2400 - \$2500. Mr. Collins made motion to go ahead with the study, Mr. Fowler, seconded, carried. Mayor also advised that the county would provide a road into the park but would not furnish gravel or tile.

Mayor advised that many people south of Town of Eva on Hwy. 35 would like to annex into the town. (Project started in 1989 but not completed). There was several who did not agree due to the fact they understood the taxes would be higher. He advised that he would check into the possibility of road expense and other things involved and would discuss further.

(Note to minutes: the Environmental Impact Study is required on the proposed spec building for industry.)

Mayor advised there would have to be a called meeting at a later date on the Workmen's Compensation paperwork.

Mr. Fowler made motion to transfer funds to Gas Tax Fund to pay bills and to approve payment of all bills, Mr. Alexander second, carried.

Mr. Alexander made motion to adjourn, Mr. Fowler second, carried.

approved

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Attest:

Eva Town Clerk