

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Eva Town Council held on January 12, 1999, at 6:30 PM in the Eva Town Hall. Present: Mayor Livingston, C. C. Mosteller, James Fowler, Clarence Alexander, Larry Smith, and Bert Collins. Guests: Bob Breen, resident.

After roll call, Mr. Fowler opened with prayer. Mr. Collins made motion to approve minutes of December 8, Mr. Fowler second, carried.

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

Mayor advised that Eva School has requested funds to assist students in keeping warm for the State inaugural ceremonies Monday, January 18. He also advised that Mr. Williamson, Principal has not written for the request at this time. Mr. Mosteller stated that \$2,000.00 has already been dispersed to Eva School of the \$2500.00 budgeted for schools if additional funds is requested it would come out of funding for Brewer School. Mr. Smith suggested to expend the funds and if Brewer made a request it would be considered at that time. After discussion, Mr. Mosteller made motion to expend \$450.00 to Eva School for this special project upon their written request, Mr. Collins second, carried.

Mr. Mosteller advised that certificate of deposit for volunteer fire department matures January 14. then made motion for Mayor to reinvest C.D. for fire department in the amount of \$6,348.30 at the best rate at the best financial institute, Mr. Fowler second, carried.

Mayor advised council that the industrial board needs to meet in February with the local state representatives and Morgan County Economical Development Agency. This meeting will be concerning a possible new industry for the industrial park. Mr. Smith made motion to approve this meeting at Bobby's Restaurant, including a meal, within the month of February, Mr. Fowler second, carried.

Next, the Mayor advised that Curtis Kirsch, Architect has submitted an invoice for partial payment of drawings on the medical building. Since the council has approved this work, he asked Mr. Smith to contact Mr. Kirsch to draw up a contract agreement for the services on this project. He will then call a meeting to adopt a resolution to contract with Mr. Kirsch. Mayor stated he would get the town's attorney to draw this up if one is not available. Mr. Smith advised council that Mr. Kirsch has checked with the state and since he is also a certified engineer he can serve as the general contractor, handle the bid process and serve as supervisor during the construction. Mr. Kirsch will have full responsibility for inspections including the final inspection for close out of the job. Mayor stated that he would discuss all building procedures and the contract with Mr. Kirsch.

Mayor then stated that he has discussed with Charles Frost, owner of CWF Construction who purchased the old medical office, that time has expired (December 31, 1998) for him to move the office from town property. Mr. Frost stated that he has purchased land from Monroe Childers but did not give an answer as to when he will move the office. Mayor advised Mr. Frost that he must give a written statement to the council by Monday, January 18 with a date he will vacate the property. He also advised Mr. Frost that council intends to charge a large sum of rent if he remains on the property. Mayor will also seek advise from the attorney. Clerk will set up a meeting for Mayor to discuss several matters with Larry Madison, attorney, as soon as possible.

#### **UTILITIES - MR. ALEXANDER**

Mr. Alexander advised that he discussed with Jimmy Davis, engineer with Joe Wheeler, EMC a cost to install street lights on Courtney Drive as requested in last month's meeting. A 175 watt bulb- \$75.00, a transformer - \$75.00 and \$90.00 for maintenance per light. If a transformer is in place, he believes there is a \$50.00 fee. Since he has looked at the lines, there is a transformer in place so the charges would be

approximately \$300.00 per light but a fee was not quoted concerning an increase in the town's street light payment. He added that if this light is added then other residents will be requesting street lights on the roads off the main streets in town. Mr. Smith suggested that street lights should be considered for public areas and around businesses where more people are involved. He added that lights on the walking trail would serve more safety since so many people use it. Mr. Alexander will get confirmed cost and discuss at next meeting. He also advised that Joe Wheeler, EMC was called concerning the street light across from the Wagon Wheel that is constantly going on and off.

Mayor then advised that several newspaper articles reported the brown water problem is safe for use. Don Stisher, Morgan County Commissioner, serves on the water board project and would like to see Morgan County have a water supply project. He believes there is two locations close by that could furnish water and create a source of revenue.

Mr. Alexander advised that a fitting in the water line to the compressor owned by the dentist at his office came apart causing a water problem this past week. They called him for repairs and he called Bill Nelson to repair it. In his opinion this repair bill should be the dentists responsibility. Mayor agreed since it was his equipment. Mayor then advised that Charles Frost repaired the roof for leaks at the dentist office also last week.

#### **STREETS, PARKS, & CEMETERIES - MR. FOWLER**

Mayor advised that Don Stisher, County Commissioner asked if the town could furnish at least \$50,000 toward paving of Highway 55, approximately 4.5 miles, but he advised Mr. Stisher the town might could expend \$25,000 only. Mr. Collins then added that Mr. Stisher has stated that within three years all roads will have to be paved. Mayor added that according to an opinion by the Attorney General that if a county road comes to an intersection within a town, that is town's property. Mr. Collins suggested to Mayor to get a clarification on Hwy. 55 and Hwy. 35 coming into the town limits. Mayor will check with Larry Madison, attorney.

Mr. Fowler stated that rock at the park needs to be spread by Mr. Ford as agreed and another load is needed. If it can be fixed now, he believes it will stay. Mayor will contact Mr. Ford.

Mr. Smith advised that he has picked up the three metal doors for the Nutrition Site and has stored them. When the weather is warmer, they will be installed.

Mr. Fowler showed council color samples of coating material for the tennis/basketball court at the park. Price from Larry Blyan, Huntsville Al. With a two year guarantee - \$12,000 material and \$6,000 labor. Mr. Fowler suggested getting more prices. Then added that Shelby Contracting has put more asphalt on the court but there is still a small amount of water standing on it. Mayor added that he did not think the water problem will be solved. Mr. Smith stated that the coating material is the life of the court if water gets into cracks, the court will deteriorate.

Mayor then read an estimate from L & N Electric, for running power and controls to the tennis court of \$2110.00, for the walking trail - \$7370.00, and for Joe Wheeler to run the underground wire - \$3434.00. Mayor tabled this project until the next meeting.

#### **POLICE & FIRE - MR. SMITH**

Mr. Smith stated that the C.D. for fire department has been handled and the equipment payment has been made and he was not aware of any problems in the department. Mayor advised that the 5" hose purchased by the town has been installed and the fire hydrant has been repaired at the end of Patton Road. He then added that the fire department was out clearing roads by 4:00 A.M. on Christmas Eve

when trees were down until around midnight that day. The council voiced their appreciation to the volunteers. Mr. Smith stated that he has sent word to the Morgan County EMA that Eva wants the matching funds for an emergency warning system.

**RECREATION & SANITATION - MR. COLLINS**

Mayor was advised that he and councilmen need to look at the Sewer System at Holly Pond. He will set up a meeting with Mayor Estes then let Mr. Collins know the time.

Mr. Smith advised council that East Morgan Industrial Development Board has made a lease-purchase to Barr Enterprises for a trucking operation of the Johnson Emu Processing. This will be a feed distribution and office space.

Mr. Mosteller asked when the water is coming from at the 4-way stop? Mr. Collins stated that it is coming from under the building at Ross' Corner running across the lot down to the 4-way. Mayor stated that maybe a water barrier can be put up when the road is paved.

Mr. Collins advised that Posey White, owner of the flower bed next to town's parking lot, is pouring concrete to fill up the flower bed. He wants the town to pour a concrete wall next to it to meet his property. Mayor and council will look at this matter before making a decision.

**NO REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**NO HEARINGS, COMPLAINTS, APPLCS, ETC**

**AUDITING ACCOUNTS**

Mayor presented an estimate to update the computer system for the year 2000 compliance of \$439.00 installed. Mr. Alexander made motion to update the computer system at this cost, Mr. Collins second, carried. After reviewing the bills, Mr. Fowler made motion to transfer the necessary funds to pay all bills, Mr. Collins second, carried.

**NO RESOLUTION, ORDINANCES, ORDERS & OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Collins made motion to adjourn, Mr. Smith second, carried.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Attest:

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Eva Town Clerk