

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Eva Town Council held on July 12, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. in the Eva Town Hall. Present: Mayor Gary Livingston; Councilmember's: Bert Collins, Clarence Alexander, James Henderson, Johnny Persall and Clerk Judy Fortenberry. Councilmember Kent Chambers was absence due to work commitment.

Guests: Patrick McCauley and Curtis Nelson

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 Livingston asked Mr. Alexander to open with prayer.

Mr. Persall motion to abstain with minutes until after hearing from our guest, Mr. Alexander second, carried.

Mayor thanked everyone for coming out, and turned the meeting over to Patrick McCauley. Mr. McCauley thanked the Mayor and stated he was here to bring the Council up to date on the Eva Cemetery Tree planting project that he was proposing to the Town. Mr. McCauley had a drawing of the area with placement of trees. He suggested that we permit him to plant two rolls of trees, one a fast growing tree while the other would be a slow growing tree. He suggested 20 willow oak and 18 tulip poplars or red maples, sugar maple or dogwoods. (See attached drawing) Mr. McCauley stated that he had talked with Mr. Carnell and that he did not want two rolls of trees planted on his property, but that he could plant one roll. Mayor stated that he and the other council members would meet at the cemetery and go over the plan and get back with him. Mr. McCauley did state that the trees would need to be watered and that he would like to put in a water line to the cemetery and maybe a fountain, he would be responsible for the water bill. Mr. McCauley left the meeting 6:40 p.m.

Mayor welcomed Mr. Nelson to the meeting and asked if he had anything he wanted to bring before the council. Mr. Nelson stated that he would like for the Town to install culverts in the ditch in front of his son's property to help control the erosion, which is located on the corner of Hwy 55 and Adams Rd. Mayor stated he thinks there is a distance that culverts can be installed, he will check with the county. Mayor stated that the Town will not pay for the culverts that we have been paying for one load of rock on driveways. Mr. Alexander stated that there is a problem starting at Ms Oden's drive way and going down in front of the Morgan House. Mayor stated we would look into the problem and get back with him.

6:45 p.m. Joe Hill arrived.

Mr. Nelson left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Mayor Livingston asked if everyone had read the minutes of the call meeting of July 5, 2005 – Mr. Collins motion to accept, Mr. Henderson second, carried. Mayor asked if everyone had read the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on June 14, 2005, Mr. Henderson motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Alexander seconded, motion carried.

A. FINANCE, EDUCATION & LIBRARY- MR. CHAMBERS

Mayor presented the Financial Statements for the Year ended September 30, 2004 prepared by Wear, Howell, Strickland, Quinn and Law, LLC. Mayor pointed out that we had an increase of \$124,795 to our assets; this is due to the grant for the playground at the park. He pointed out that the audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Mr. Collins motion to accept the audit as is, Mr. Persall seconded, carried.

Mayor informed all that the school had passed inspection, and that the teachers were moving into the new building. Open house will be in August.

B: UTILITIES & STREETS- MR. ALEXANDER

Mr. Alexander stated that we had covered the culvert at the corner of Adams and Hwy 55, and that he had nothing else to bring before the council.

C. PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERIES - MR. PERSALL

Mr. Persall brought before the council a letter written by Shirley West concerning the ball park. Ms West stated in her letter that older boys were hitting the ball out of the fence and into their yard, breaking one window. Mayor stated that we had addressed this in the past and that a sign was put on the fence at the park, stating only the small children play on this field. The sign has been taken down, Mayor suggested that Mr. Shickles should look and see if he could find the sign and put it back on the fence.

Mr. Persall reported that the sod which did not wash away is looking good, once the rain stops we will replace the sod that washed away.

Mr. Shickles has requested a chain saw, drill, drill bits and something to level the crossties for the walkway and the sign. Mr. Hill stated that he had talked with Mr. Shickles and told him what he would need to do the job. After discussion it was decided not to buy the items, but to get Mr. Hill to help Mr. Shickles with the project.

The date to meet at the cemetery was agreed upon to meet at 5:00 p.m. July 13 at the cemetery.

D. POLICE, FIRE & GRANTS - MR HENDERSON

Mr. Henderson reported that he will meet Jana Monday and an Engineer for CDG, Inc. to look at the area for the sidewalks. The meeting is scheduled for 9:00 on July 13; he will have an estimate of the cost for the sidewalk at the next meeting.

Also reported, that Deputy J. D. McKee will be leaving on August 8, so we will be getting a new deputy. Mayor will get with Sheriff and find out who we are getting.

Mr. Henderson suggested that we purchase a radio set for Mr. Shickles and Town Clerk to use. Mr. Henderson had found a set in the L. L. Bean Catalog that will reach up to 10 miles. Mr.

Persall suggested that we use a set he has, before purchasing.

E. SANITATION & BUILDINGS- MR. COLLINS

Mr. Collins reported that the Medical Clinic has requested that we purchase fans for the reception and office areas to help with the circulation. After discussion Mr. Henderson motion not to purchase fans for the medical building, Mr., Alexander seconded, carried.

Mr. Collins reported the culvert at Highway 55 East and the School Road is still in need of repair, and that this should be done now, he had talked with Mr. Norris concerning this problem. Mayor reported that the County has gotten money to pave Hwy 55 and that they will repair the road at the time of paving.

Mr. Collins reported that he had had complaints about the town removing the dumpsters in the parking lot. That several of the merchants in town feel like G. C. Childers, Cahoots, and the Flower Shop should have their own dumpster, Mayor informed Mr. Collins that this is not a problem of the Town but the County.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES & OFFICERS

No Report

HEARINGS ON PETITIONS, APPOLES. COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, COMMUC. ETC

No Report

AUDITING ACCOUNTS - MOTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS & PAY BILLS

Motion to pay bills - Mr. Alexander motioned to pay bills, Mr. Henderson seconded, carried.


RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS & OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Collins motion to adjourn, Mr. Persall second, carried.

APPROVED:


Mayor

ATTEST:


Town Clerk