

Minutes of regular meeting of Eva Town Council held on 13 June 2023 at 6:30 PM at Eva Town Hall. Present: Mayor Gary Livingston, Council Members: Edsel Childers, Johnny Persall, Martin Nelson, Ripley Fowler, Kent Chambers absent. Town Clerk, Kathy Nelson, and Assistant Town Clerk Kimberly Cryer.

Guests: Roger Burrow, Jeff Frost, Marcy Holmes, Devan Holmes, Nathan Holmes, Will Edwards, Mary Rutherford, Jada Sullenger, Julie Mooney, Jason Page, and Joyce Woodall

Mayor called meeting to order; After roll call Mayor Livingston informed all present that we open our meetings with prayer, if anyone objects, we will abstain from this practice at tonight's meeting. No one objected, Mayor Livingston asked Mr. Nelson to lead in prayer.

Mayor Livingston requested a motion to approve minutes of 9 May 2023, Regular Council Meeting without changes. Mr. Persall so motioned; Mr. Childers seconded; All ayes-motion carried.

A. FINANCE, EDUCATION & LIBRARY– MR. CHAMBERS

- Scheduled mid-year budget meeting for Thursday, June 29, 2023
- Mentioned need to discuss salary changes for Kim Cryer and Mikey Caudle in executive meeting.
- Recognized Joyce Woodall who stated:
 - Summer reading attendance was 65 last week and 73 this week.
 - Genealogy group will be taking a field trip to several local cemeteries and historic homes.

B. UTILITIES & STREETS – MR. CHILDERS

- Said he met with Boswell and Amber and Clint Baker who are requesting monies to start a new building on Leo Road to house their floral businesses. Town is looking at paving help on Leo Road.

C. PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERIES – MR. PERSALL

- Discussed with help of Jason Page possibility of requesting grant funds from ADECA to upgrade ballfield lights. Also discussed need for repairing basketball court fencing, pickleball court, and some playground equipment nearer to ball field.
- Requested and update from Kim Cryer regarding retired military equipment for Veteran's Park. Kim stated Town would be responsible for site prep, shipping costs, and maintenance of any equipment awarded, and Town could not choose specific equipment. Mayor Livingston stated he, Mr. Childers, and Mr. Nelson would meet and investigate details more on June 14, 2023, and report to council at next meeting.

D. POLICE, FIRE & GRANTS – MR. FOWLER

- Shared information from VFD Chief Holmes concerning need for additional town fire hydrants. Chief Holmes stated he felt Town has sufficient coverage.
- Mentioned need for AirMedCare helicopter landing pad in Veteran's Park area which would be near the Medical Clinic and Firehall.
- Stated Flock cameras helped stop a stolen vehicle/stolen tag.

E. SANITATION & BUILDINGS – MR. NELSON

- Said Sewer Ordinance Letter will be going to customers this month and Council will get together to decide discount rate for those who want to take ownership of their pump.

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

No Report

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

Mayor requested a motion to pay bills. Mr. Chambers so motioned. Mr. Childers seconded; All Ayes-motion carried.

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

23-04-AN ORDINANCE TO EXEMPT CERTAIN “COVERED ITEMS” FROM THE MUNICIPAL SALES AND USE TAX DURING THE THIRD FULL WEEKEND OF JULY 2023, AS AUTHORIZED BY ACT 2017 120 OF THE ALABAMA LEGISLATURE, GENERALLY REFERRED TO AS THE “BACK-TO-SCHOOL” STATE SALES TAX HOLIDAY LEGISLATION

Council Member Chambers 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 23-04 to be finally passed and adopted at this meeting.

That Council member Persall 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 Livingston	Yea	Council Member Childers.	Yea
Council Member Persall	Yea	Council Member Chambers	Yea
Council Member Nelson	Yea	Council Member	Yea

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

Council Member Chambers moved that the said Ordinance 23-04 be finally passed and adopted as introduced.

That Councilmember Persall 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 Livingston	Yea	Council Member Childers.	Yea
Council Member Persall	Yea	Council Member Chambers	Yea
Council Member Nelson	Yea	Council Member Fowler	Yea

The presiding officer announced the result of the vote and declared the Ordinance 23-04 finally passed and adopted.

I. NEW BUSINESS - Mayor Livingston

- Recognized Will Edwards from Charter who shared they have applied for Federal and State grants for broadband that will affect Eva. Requesting a letter from Eva for endorsement. Mayor requested a motion for him to sign the letter of recommendation. Mr. Nelson so motioned; Mr. Chambers seconded-All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor signed and gave letter to Will Edwards.
- Recognized Marcy Holmes who requested more lighting on park trails for Christmas on Eva Mountain. Mayor stated he is in process of getting with L&N Lighting to do that.
- Recognized Jada Sullenger representing Rock Creek Homemakers who shared success of recent Farmer's Market and requested permission to have another August 19. Mayor requested a motion to approve use of Town property for Farmer's Market. Mr. Chambers so motioned; Mr. Persall seconded; All ayes-motion carried.
- Requested a motion to renew AirMedEvac contract for Town and employees. Mr. Nelson so motioned; Mr. Fowler seconded-All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor signed contract and clerk will forward signed contract to AirMedEvac with payment.
- Shared need for measurement for sod at Veteran's Memorial where new flagpoles were installed. Mayor will follow up.
- Mentioned need for Town to purchase portable speaker system-Mayor will check on cost.
- Stated Dale Strong would be at Town Hall on Tuesday, June 27 to answer questions for public. Plans to meet with him to discuss funding for Bioclere system upgrades for Sewer Plant.
- Received dentist office countertop bids from CJ and Jeff Frost. CJ-\$7,300 and Jeff Frost \$27,680. Awarded bid to CJ.
- Requested a motion to enter Executive Meeting to discuss salaries at 7:35 pm. Mr. Nelson so motioned; Mr. Chambers seconded. All ayes-motion carried. Kim Cryer left meeting. Council exited Executive Meeting at 8:24.
- Requested a motion to approve raises for Mikey Caudle and Kim Cryer. Mr. Chambers so motioned; Mr. Fowler seconded. All ayes-motion carried.

Mayor Livingston requested a motion to adjourn, Mr. Childers so motioned, Mr. Fowler seconded; All Ayes- motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk