

Minutes of regular meeting of Eva Town Council held on 14 May 2024 at 6:30 PM at Eva Town Hall. Present: Mayor Gary Livingston, Council Members: Johnny Persall, Ripley Fowler, Kent Chambers, and Edsel Childers, Clerk Kathy Taylor and Assistant Clerk Kimberly Cryer. Martin Nelson arrived late at 6:40 PM.

Guests: Nolan West, Jeff Harville, Roger Burrow, Melissa Humphrey, Charles Stephens, Joyce Woodall, and Julie Mooney

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, Council Member Nelson led in prayer.

Mayor Livingston requested a motion to approve minutes of 14 May 2024, Regular Council Meeting. Mr. Persall so motioned; Mr. Childers seconded; All ayes-motion carried.

A. FINANCE, EDUCATION & LIBRARY– MR. CHAMBERS

Recognized Joyce Woodall, Librarian who shared:

- Requested Council still consider a lift for the Library. Stated Athelia applied for AMRV-RC&D grant assistance and Library Board is still willing to contribute to the cost of the lift.
- Summer Reading starts June 3 and things are set to begin.
- Stated Library has received \$615 donation toward the purchase of a bench in memory of Betty Golden. Asked where the Library property lines were and Mayor stated he would get her that information this week.
- Shared Movie in the Park would be June 1, 8PM at the outdoor classroom area.
- Mr. Chambers shared suggested changes to budgets after mid-year review. Recommended changes included with these minutes as an attachment and Mayor asked for a motion to amend the budgets as requested by Mr. Chambers. Mr. Chambers so motioned; Mr. Nelson seconded-All ayes; motion carried. Changes will become effective immediately.

B. UTILITIES & STREETS – MR. CHILDERS

- Stated he was told that Highway 55 would be paved this Summer.

C. PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERIES – MR. PERSALL

- Said the request for updating/replacing ballpark field lights is now being handled as a grant that Dale Strong's office will find. Not going to use Appropriation monies to fund the project per Mayor Livingston. Mr. Persall feels that the light updates need to be done in early Fall.
- Spoke with Melissa Humphries and Kim Cryer during meeting to see if all deposits and receipts had been received for Activities Association since the ball season is coming to a close. Kim stated she has everything she needs.
- Recommended the Gazebo at Veteran's Park be pressure washed in preparation of Memorial Day. Suggested in the Fall, we look at either painting or adding vinyl siding to the Gazebo.

D. POLICE, FIRE & GRANTS – MR. FOWLER

- Shared he spoke with Jason and he had met with Don Stisher on April 30. Mr. Stisher stated he has two more projects to complete, but will be available to help with the Helipad installation after that.
- Said he had heard reports of a prowler around Wilson Mountain Road, but Morgan County Sheriff's Department was aware of it and working the area.

E. SANITATION & BUILDINGS – MR. NELSON

- Mentioned the slow progress of the Sewer Plant project
- Gave a Medical Clinic new building update and mentioned they need a sink installed to meet requirements.

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

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

24-02-Ordinance-An Ordinance to Exempt Certain “Covered Items” From the Municipal Sales and Use Tax During the Third Full Weekend of July 2024, 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 Nelson 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 24-02 to be finally passed and adopted at this meeting.

That Council member Chambers 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

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

Council Member Nelson moved that the said Ordinance 24-02 be finally passed and adopted as introduced.

That Council Member Chambers 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 24-02 finally passed and adopted.

I. NEW BUSINESS - Mayor Livingston

- Mentioned he spoke with Josh Melson from Dale Strong's office and they discussed additional monies to fund more Sewer projects that would include adding an office building. Mayor will get with Canyon Engineering to get information together to apply for the grant.
- Stated Dr. Turner has sold his dental practice to Dr. Bishop in Decatur and Dr. Turner will be moving out of the Medical Clinic Building. Said the office may need to be painted once the move out is complete.
- Shared the Memorial Day celebration will be 9AM at Veteran's Memorial. Mr. Chambers will be contacting someone to lay the wreath and Mr. Nelson will ask Mr. Hatfield to play taps again this year. Mayor stated Cory Cheatham will set up the sound system and Mayor will get someone to sing the National Anthem.
- Said the Methodist Church is officially for sale and a real estate appraiser thought the parsonage would need to be demolished due to termite damage and mold.
- Asked that he be appointed to the Morgan County Industrial Park and Economic Development Cooperative board as representative of the town. Mayor asked for a motion to approve him as a representative for Eva. Mr. Chambers so motioned; Mr. Persall seconded. All ayes-motion carried. Clerk will send the approval paperwork to Mr. Jeremy Nails, Chairman.
- Said there will be approximately \$35,000 left of ARPA monies once the Sewer update is completed and we need to use the total amount of the grant monies. Mayor will talk with Joe Hill and Mikey Caudle to decide about purchasing a good 72" mower for the Sewer Plant that could also be a back up mower for the town.
- Stated Mayor Ken Winkles of Falkville is home and doing well. Said Mike Hopper came to work on Friday and Burt and Marie Collins also needed our prayers.

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

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk