

Minutes of the Meeting of the Eva Town Council held in regular session on March 12, 1981, at 7 p.m., chaired by Mayor Ryan. Council members present were Hipps, Livingston, Nichols and Morgan.

Minutes of the February 12 meeting were read and approved. A financial report giving end-of-February balances was accepted as presented below:

General Fund	\$5033.69 (with aprx. \$6800 in transitory funds)
Gasoline Tax Fund	\$ 5.53 (with \$212.80 in transitory funds)
Revenue Sharing	\$ 817.76
Volunteer Fire Department	\$ 627.84
Passbook Savings Account	\$ 33.30 (general fund)

The Mayor introduced visitors to the Council Meeting, who were Mr. James Calvert from the Water Department and Mr. Pete Bailey from the Commissioner's office. After giving them some background information on the water situation. Mr. Calvert explained the problem as he knows it, saying that the tank doesn't have proper elevation. The elevation is 12:10; the map shows land elevation of 11:40, so when you have the tank completely full, you have only about 30 pounds; with every 10-foot drop, you lose 4.33 pounds of pressure.. He told about a proposal to add a tank in the Oden Ridge area and as soon as this can be done, with some feed-offs and re-routing, the pressure in Eva area will be helped tremendously. He explained about the breaks that had caused 3 major outages, which was beyond their control. He explained also that last Summer they were pushed to capacity because of helping Holly Pond and Hulaco out with about 3 million gallons a month. He said that Arab was working on their system to double the capacity, and while were helping out surrounding communities for them, this put an extra strain on us. But this no longer exists because Arab is in full operation.

Upon being questioned about whether it would take an increase in the price of the water to the customers to bring about the additional tank at Oden Ridge, he said that he did not think so. Hopefully the rates now will not have to be increased. The problem is with the contract ~~that~~ with the City of Cullman which calls for 23 million gallons a month, when during last summer we used about 53 million gallons, and right now we're running about 45 million gallons. In talking with FHA about the loan for the money to put up the tank, they said they won't lend the money until a new contract is approved. Mr. Bailey said that the contract has caused problems many times; that they are now trying to get the new contract signed; ran into a hitch today, so it is not known how long it will be before the new contract is signed. He asked Mr. Calvert if there were any steps that could be taken now to help the situation of the low pressure, and he said that there wasn't. He told about the auxiliary pump near Joe Hill's which pumps all the time (adding to the power bill, he said) to increase the pressure there, but nothing else can be done until they get FHA approval for the money. He will go back to them and see if they will go ahead with the loan on the basis that they will not be adding any new customers. Calvert said that in the original 8-mile water system they started with 767 customers; right now there are over 1700, so the growth has more than doubled since the original contract. He said that the County is now looking into the possibility of another source for the future. In the meantime, Mr. Calvert and Mr. Bailey said that we should call them or Calvert's assistant, J. W. Knight, whenever there is a problem with the pressure out here. They can send someone to reset a switch and restore pressure as soon as they are made aware. Mr. Bailey invited the Mayor and Council to come to the Court House any Monday to discuss the situation. After thanking them for coming, the Mayor excused them so they could return home before continuing the meeting.

Old Business:

The decision to buy a Certificate of Deposit or put into savings had been tabled at last meeting. Since we now have over \$11,000 in the general fund, a motion was offered by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Hipps, to buy a \$10,000 certificate of deposit. Motion carried.

Mr. Nichols and Mr. Hipps went to see Birlen Childers about putting a roof over the porch at the Senior Citizens Center. He told them that he would do it the following week, but as of today he has not done it.

The Council signed the letter to the legislators agreed on at last meeting concerning the possible closing of the School of Primary Medical Care in Huntsville.

The Mayor read from the correspondence and Council discussed the following:

1. Invitation from the Morgan County Mayor's Association. The meeting is rotated and sponsored by the different cities/towns in Morgan County. Right now it includes only Mayors but later on they want to include council members. Motion was offered by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Livingston that the Town of Eva sponsor one of the future dinner meetings of the Morgan County Mayor's Association. Motion carried.
2. The North Alabama Mayor's Association always meets on the Thursday night following the Eva Town Council Meeting; making it on the 3rd Thursday night of the month. The Mayor invited members of the council to go to these meetings with him as they could.
3. Letter from Law Enforcement on some of the problems they are having on enforcing the laws on highways.
4. Mental Health Statistics.
5. Participating in the Physician's Opportunity Booklet. Motion was offered by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Hipps to send in the \$85 and a writeup to be included in this booklet. Motion carried.
6. Ethics Commission forms for each member of the Council was handed out by the Mayor. They are to be sent in before the end of April.

Bills presented for payment were: Postage \$15.00; Clerk's salary for February \$92.85; Net phone bill \$31.54; Water Bill \$7.44; Electric bills not yet in; and from Volunteer Fire Department Fund the annual premium on building and contents (due only April 16) \$162.00; Gas and oil for fire trucks \$50.00. Mr. Livingston offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Morgan to pay said bills. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Mr. Hipps offered the motion that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Mr. Nichols.