

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Eva Town Council held on March 13, 2001, at 6:30 p.m. in the Eva Town Hall. Present: Mayor Gary Livingston, Council Members C.C. Mosteller, Burt Collins, Clarence Alexander, Larry Smith, Clerk Judy Fortenberry and Angela Holmes. Councilmember Brian Brown was absent.

Guest Present: Larry Madison, Town Attorney
Afton Fowler – Playground Committee
Nathan Johnson and Kim Sexton – Johnson Associates, Inc.
Joel Holmes - Eva Activities
Jack Keck & wife – Air EVAC Lifeteam

Mayor Livingston asked Mr. Collins to open the meeting with pray.

Council Member Mosteller made motion to table all business until after hearing from visitors, Council Member Collins second, carried.

Mayor Livingston thanked everyone for coming out and introduced Larry Madison to everyone present, and then turn the meeting over to Mr. Madison.

Mr. Madison thanked Mayor Livingston for letting him attend the meeting; acknowledge each of the council members. Mr. Madison stated his reason for attending the meeting were the documents for the options to buy Alexander land for the Town and to meet the new council members. He reported that the documents as faxed were not right, he felt the description was wrong. The deeds given to him contained three tracts of land, and after reading all documents they contained more than the 39 acres the Town is purchasing. He stated that he was almost sure that Tract No. 1 was the tract the Town is purchasing, because it contained 39 acres, but he wanted to make 100% sure of this before turning the documents over for signature. He also confirmed that the Town would pay for all surveys and closing cost. He stated Morgan County would have to approve the sell of the nine acres to Ms Alexander's daughter, due to the fact that the Town does not have a planning committee or subdivision regulations. He also stated, that we would have to get a free title from Ms. Alexander before closing.

He stated that ordinances required for the above transaction could be voted on at this meeting if we so wish because they were of a temporary nature, but they also would need to be retyped because of the description.

Mayor Livingston questioned Mr. Madison about the annexation of property into the Town that contained the wrong description (Chambers Annexation). Mr. Madison stated that the Ordinance would need to be amended and resubmitted to Justice Department for approval.

Mr. Madison left the meeting at 6:45.

Mayor Livingston introduced Nathan Johnson with Johnson Associates out of Huntsville, and turn the meeting over to Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson gave a brief description of his organization, introduced Kim Sexton, pointing out that Ms Sexton was a grant writer for his firm and that if they were given the contract for the

Sewer System, she would work with the Town in obtaining grants. He stated that they are at present working on the Dodge City Project, and they work close with Senator Cramer's office.

Mayor stated that the Town would be setting up a date to talk with Engineering Companies in the near future.

Mr. Johnson and Ms Sexton left the meeting at 7:05.

Mayor Livingston introduced Jack Keck with Air EVAC Lifeteam to the Council then turned the meeting over to Mr. Keck.

Mr. Keck gave a brief description of the services provided by Air EVAC, area of operation, and the cost to become a member. Mr. Keck and wife left the meeting at 7:20.

Mayor Livingston introduced Mr. Fowler with the Playground Committee then turned the meeting over to Mr. Fowler.

Mr. Fowler gave a report to the council on the progress of the Playground Committed, and up coming fundraisers. He stated that the Committed needed help from the town on the first phase and asked for \$14,000 to purchasing the first phase. He also stated that he would like to get with the council and decide on a location for the playground. After a lengthy decision it was decided that member of the council would meet with committee members and decide on the location for the playground.

Council member Mosteller asked if the Town would have \$20,000 for the playground, because it would take at least that from the Town by the time fencing was purchased which is a cost that the town would have due to insurance requirements. Mayor stated we would have a call meeting as soon as the books are received from the auditor.

At this point the Mayor returned to regular council business. Mayor asked if everyone had read minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of February 13, Call Meeting of February 20, and Marcy 5, 2001 all present had read minutes.

Council member Mosteller made motion to approve minutes of February 13, 2001, Regular Council Meeting, Council member Alexander second, carried.

Council member Collins made motion to approve minutes Call Meeting of February 20, 2001, Council member Mosteller second, carried.

Council member Smith made motion to approve minutes of Call Meeting of March 5, 2001, Council member Alexander second, carried.

A. FINANCE & EDUCATION - MR. MOSTELLER

Council member Mosteller reported that the auditor had not completed the 2000 audit. But otherwise everything is looking good.

B. UTILITIES – MR. ALEXANDER

Council member Alexander reported that all is well.

C. STREETS, PARKS, & CEMETERIES - MR. BROWN

Mayor requested that he be given permission to go out for bids for a lawn mower.

Council member Collins made motion for Mayor to go out for bid for a lawn mower, Council member Smith second, carried.

Joel Holmes with the Eva Activities reported that the Activities had appropriated \$7,000.00 for a building at the Ball Park the purpose building to be a 15' x 20' block building, with a leanto on the backside.

Mayor Livingston asked if the building could be built at the firehouse or Industrial Park and be used to house the tractor and lawn mower, if the Town invested additional funds into the building? Mr. Holmes did not know if this would meet with the approval of the Activities because they needed to store ball equipment in this building.

Mr. Holmes reported that the activities personnel are working on the ball fields. He reported that he had purchased 1,000 lbs of fertilizer for the fields. Also reported grubs are killing the grass and that we should spray sevin to kill the worms. He had checked with Southern States for a cost and the price quoted was less than \$300.00. After discuss it was decided that the whole park would need to be sprayed to kill the grubs.

Council member Collins made motion to have Southern States spray for the grubs, Mr. Smith second, carried. Clerk will call and schedule spraying with Southern States.

Mayor schedule Council and Activities to meet at 4:00 P.M. at the Park to make decision on location of building, March 14.

Holmes requested that we need three loads of dirt 50/50 red clay and sand for ball fields one (2 loads) and small field (1).

Mr. Holmes also reported that the repair that Joe Wheeler did last year needs to be replaced, due to the fact that the ground wire is hot, and if anyone should open the plate on the pole would get burned. Clerk to call Joe Wheeler.

Mr. Holmes left meeting at 8:20.

D. POLICE & FIRE - MR. SMITH

Council member Smith reported that he had talked with Tom Little of the Sheriff's Department about moving the substation to the new town hall. Council member Smith stated that he wanted to make sure that if the town went to the expense of building space, the new administration for the Sheriff's Department would want to make the move. Mr. Little assured him that the Sheriff's Department is very interested in moving to the new location. In fact they might look into moving the dispatch office out to Eva. It was pointed out that this would give the Town more police

protection, if we should go this route. It was also stated that the Sheriff's Department might use this as a training center if we were willing to build a large conference/training room.

Council member Smith also reported, that the Old Eva Furniture Store is being cleaned up and is looking better.

E. RECREATION & SANITATION - MR. COLLINS

Council member Collins reported that he did not have any thing to add to the information that was provided by Larry Madison.

Council member Alexander asked have we discussed how we are going to pay the sewer system loan. Mayor stated that we needed to set down with Joe Wheeler EMC and discuss how much of the monthly charge would go to the payment of the loan.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES & OFFICERS

No Report

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

No Report

AUDITING ACCOUNTS - MOTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS & PAY BILLS

Council member Alexander made motion to pay bills, Mr. Smith second, carried.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS & OTHER BUSINESS

Council member Collins made motion to adjourn, Mr. Alexander second, carried.

APPROVED

ATTEST:

Eva Town Clerk