

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Eva Town Council held on March 13, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Eva Town Hall. Present: Mayor Gary Livingston, Council members James Henderson, Johnny Persall, Martin Nelson (came in late), Edsel Childers, Assistant Town Clerk Angela Holmes, Town Clerk Judy Fortenberry was absent due to surgery.

Guests: Joe Hill, John Holmes & Judith Burrows.

Mayor thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Mayor called the meeting to order; all council members present. After roll call Mayor Livingston 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. Henderson to open with prayer.

Mayor asks if everyone had read the minutes of the January 9, 2018 regular Council Meeting. Mr. Henderson motioned to approve the minutes, Mr. Persall seconded, carried.

A: FINANCE, EDUCATION & LIBRARY– MR. CHAMBERS

Mayor Livingston reported that the sewer issue at the school has been turned in to the county, the Health Department and the school system. Tests of drainage in Ricky Mason's yard & Bob Hager's pond show E.coli and human waste is present. All the school's sewer lines were not tied into the sewer system when it was built. There are still active field lines from the school that go into the Mason's yard. The Mason's property was part of the school years ago.

Mrs. Burrows informed the council that they have their new system in place. The Evergreen system still has a few kinks to work out. The old Wheeler Basin system is still in place and they refer back to it occasionally and are not sure when that system will be disconnected. Mrs. Burrows also reported that the library had received a very good comment from a patron. The patron said the Eva Public Library was much better stocked in new books and dvds than the city of Cullman Public Library. The patron also commented that the Eva Public Library staff was much nicer.

B: UTILITIES & STREETS– MR. CHILDERS

Mr. Childers reported that the roads had been grated. The sink hole at Ryan Rd has been temporarily fixed. There has been some patchwork on potholes. There are new stop signs at the 4-way and Adams Rd. He and Mr. Holmes removed the "stop sign ahead" sign due to several instances of wrecks almost happening. Mr. Childers said he would check with Don Stisher and see if it needs to be moved or removed.

Mayor Livingston reported on the library ditch. Robby Cantrell said that Mr. Shabira was going to talk to an engineer. Mr. Cantrall said to submit the grant application. The materials cost was going to be \$25,725.00 and \$2,000.00 for administrative costs. We are waiting to hear from Mr. Shabira to proceed. He needs a letter from Don Stisher. Mr. Shabira said it was okay to delay the project until he gets that letter. Mr. Stisher called during the meeting and said he would sign the papers and send the letter tomorrow.

C: PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERIES – MR. PERSALL

Mr. Persall reported that the pavilions and sidewalks at the ballpark are now complete. They are waiting for the ground to dry out before filling in and putting sod down.

Mayor Livingston read a thank you letter from Greta Eddy and the seniors thanking Mr. Persall and the Town for the new shelves they are using to store items.

Mayor Livingston reported that K & S Steel had given a quote of \$16,000.00 to use the old tin removed from the roof of the MPC to enclose the open area of the storage building. They also gave a quote of \$19,000.00 to use new material and install a garage door.

Mayor Livingston reported that Seth Emerson had given a quote of \$575.00 to repair the fence and install a 12' gate so that Joe Wheeler could get into the ballfields to replace/repair lights when necessary.

Mr. Persall said the asphalt at the tennis courts needed to be repaired. They are looking at doing that this summer as it needs to be warm to do the work. The best way to fix them is to completely redo them but that is a project for the future. They would reassess after the mid-year review to see if it was in the budget. Mr. Henderson recommended turning the tennis courts into basketball courts as they are utilized much more than the tennis courts are.

Jason Page is ordering breakers to replace fuses for all of the poles at the ballpark. Another employee of Joe Wheeler has volunteered his time to help Mr. Page install the breakers. Mr. Nelson recommended checking the Joe Wheeler bills to make sure they are not on an "on demand" charging system which is more expensive.

D: POLICE, FIRE & GRANTS – MR HENDERSON

No Report. Mr. Henderson reported that Ms. Esther at the Post Office isn't ready yet but when she gets the new flag poles in she would like Joe Wheeler to help install them. Mayor Livingston said he didn't think they did that kind of thing any more.

Mr. Henderson reported that his house had sold so this is his last official month to be a council member. He said he has enjoyed being on the council. He was pleased that the sidewalk and walking path paving projects that were near and dear to him had been completed during his time as a councilman. He recommended Mr. West that lives next to the Town Hall to be considered as a replacement.

F: SANITATION & BUILDINGS –MR. NELSON

Mr. Hill reported that they are waiting on the weather to get warmer before installing the new sewer alarm system.

Mr. Nelson said they wanted to install a side on the shed at the sewer plant and extend it.

Mr. Hill reported that he and Mr. Holmes had removed the valve at the MPC and had gotten that problem fixed.

Mayor Livingston said the landscaping blocks at the MPC need to be installed. He said for them to get some string and line it out and they could get it completed in a few hours.

5. HEARINGS ON PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, COMMUNIC. ETC

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

Mr. Childers motion to pay the bills, Mr. Henderson seconded, motion carried.

7. RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS & OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Livingston declared March 31 as Councilman Henderson’s last day and declared that on April 1, 2018 the position of Councilman Place #4 will be open and the search will begin for a replacement. Mayor Livingston told Mr. Henderson that we will have a retirement dinner for him at Bobby’s.

New Business: Mr. Childers reported that the new owners of the Exxon have started piling garbage up behind the building and they needed to get that cleaned up.

Mayor Livingston reminded the council they needed to get their State Ethics Forms filled out.

Mayor Livingston reminded the council that the Town of Eva is hosting the April Mayor/Clerk meeting on April 5 at 6:30 here at the Town Hall. Jeremy Nails is the speaker.

Mayor Livingston discussed the bill that would make Commissioners part time. Mr. Hill said that had been removed.

Mayor Livingston said the city of Mooresville wanted him to continue to spray for mosquitos.

Old Business: The security camera installation will begin tomorrow with the fixed cameras being installed and up and running. We still have not heard if Morgan County is going to provide Wifi for the MPC to run the cameras on.

Mayor Livingston read a thank-you note from Haley London thanking the Town and MPC for allowing them to use the building for the meal following her father’s funeral.

None

Mr. Nelson motioned to adjourn, Mr. Childers seconded, carried.

APPROVED:

Attest: _____
Town Clerk