

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Eva Town Council held on September 10, 1996, at 7:30 P.M. in the Eva Town Hall. Present: Mayor Livingston, Charles Nichols, James Fowler, Clarence Alexander, Bert Collins, and late arrival from East Morgan Industrial Board meeting, Larry Smith. Guest: Jerry Thompson, Principal, Eva School, Jean Deese, Jean Deese Agency, C. C. "Billy" Mosteller, recent elected councilmember, and Donald Morgan, previous councilmember

After roll call, Mr. Nichols opened with prayer. Mr. Fowler made motion to dispense reading minutes until hear from guests, Mr. Collins second, carried.

First to speak: Jerry Thompson, voiced appreciation to council for recent financial assistance to school as in year's past. He reported to council that there is 50 children enrolled in kindergarten at Eva which is a desperate situation for the two teachers. This number is too many children for any teaching - only child care. They need additional funds to pay the salary difference of \$14,383.00. Morgan County office agreed that Eva could hire a certified kindergarten teacher as a teacher's aid - salary \$10,599.00, not the regular salary of \$24,982.00. Mr. Thompson ask that Town of Eva supplement \$10,000 and the Morgan County Superintendent mentioned he would supplement \$4,383.00. He added that the problem resulted from only 37 children registered in the Spring for kindergarten and 50 enrolled. If there had been 51, they would have been funded for the full teacher pay.

Mayor advised Mr. Thompson that the budget for 1996/97 year is prepared for approval at this council meeting and did not include any funding for Eva School since they appropriated \$15,000 to the school in September, 1995. If a one cent sales tax was adopted in the town it is possible that some funds could be available later on. Mr. Thompson added that he would need an answer first of next week. Mayor said he would give him an answer by that time.

Jean Deese was the next speaker who voiced his appreciation to the town for their patience in his preparing a sub-division in Eva. He started the project in March 1995 with an investment of \$140,000 since that date. Paving is completed with a width of 22 feet. He contracted with Good Hope Contracting to prepare the street to Morgan County Specs. There is 4" mixture with gravel and sand. He ask that the town now accept the street. He added that the Health Department came to Eva in September 1995 advising him there was 5 lots that wasn't ready for septic tanks and all others o.k., but those lots could be made ready. He had an engineer to do the soil test which the health department approved. From his first understanding of the sub-division plat, the county commission and county engineer must sign off on the plat. When Bob Woodruff, county engineer came out to the sub-division, he advised that since the land is located in Eva Town limits he had no jurisdiction in the city limits meaning it was illegal for him to make an opinion on city streets because the town council must approve. Mr. Deese had a paper prepared for the Town of Eva to sign off on the plat. He needs three signatures and the health department is ready to sign. He submitted copies of the certification that would be added to the plat. (Copy on file). He has people ready to buy lots, in addition, and plans to have an official opening during Frontier Days on September 28. The certification wording will need to be on Town of Eva letterhead.

Mayor advised Mr. Deese that he wanted to discuss this matter with Judge Day before any signing is done. He wants more information on a guarantee for the streets. Mr. Alexander and Mr. Smith suggested looking at the streets and have something in writing before Eva accepts them.

After reading minutes of called meeting August 13th, Mr. Fowler made motion to approve, Mr.

Nichols second, carried. After reading minutes of August 27th, Mr. Alexander made motion to approve, Mr. Smith second, carried.

#### **FINANCE & EDUCATION - MR. NICHOLS**

Mr. Nichols advised that a written report was submitted by Bonnie Holmes (copy on file). Since he had no report, Mayor advised that the fire department has \$10,000 that needed invested in order to make equipment payment and to assist with funds in 1996/97 year due to an error made on ad valorem taxes paid to the department in 1995/96 year. Mr. Nichols made motion for Mayor to invest at the financial institution with the best rate, Mr. Smith second, five yes votes and Mr. Collins abstained, carried.

#### **UTILITIES- MR. ALEXANDER**

Mr. Alexander advised that the air conditioner is not installed for the dentist office. Mayor advised that Dr. Turner said he could do without the a/c since the weather is cooler if the town could get a refund on the unit. Mr. Smith will check on returning the unit to Handy T.V. in Cullman. Mayor read an agreement from Premiere Cable concerning transferring their ownership to Charter Communications, Birmingham, Al. He also advised that Tom Drake, Attorney, has read the agreement and it is a simple agreement. Mr. Smith make motion for Mayor to enter into this agreement with Premiere Cable/Charter Communications, Mr. Alexander second, carried.

Mr. Alexander added that he previously ask if the Eva Lions Club could place a recycling bin in town to collect cans to sell for funds toward their charity work. Mayor advised Mr. Alexander that they would look at the area for a place and make a decision.

#### **STREETS, PARKS & CEMETERIES - MR. FOWLER**

Mr. Fowler ask Mayor if the county was going to cut the weeds on Industrial Park. Mayor advised that they were going to cut them next week. Mr. Fowler advised that Willard Casey's driveway was not repaired and that the rock is still not spread on the walking trail. Mayor advised that he forgot the Casey driveway, in addition, would call Ricky Frost to verify that he was going to spread the gravel. Mr. Smith advised that Jackie McAnelly has equipment for this work if Ricky Frost can't get to the work.

#### **POLICE & FIRE - MR. SMITH**

Mr. Smith added that the \$10,000 investment would assist the fire department to pay for the equipment and buy more that is needed. He added that the new deputy office will be ready this week and added that several tickets have been given in the Eva area.

#### **RECREATION & SANITATION - MR. COLLINS**

Mr. Collins advised that he had no report. Mayor added that there is no indication of septic problems at the G.C. Childers building at this time but it would be handled should the matter arise.

#### **NO REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES & OFFICERS**

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

Mr. Collins ask how town plans to build the medical building. Mayor advised that the talked with Jeanette Kinney of First Commercial Bank concerning a \$150,000 loan. Payments would be approximately \$20,000 per year. Lease payments from the Medical office of \$1,000 per month would go toward the payment.

Mayor advised that he had discussed with Mayor Duran of Priceville concerning equipment to spray for mosquitos. Mr. Duran advised that the cost is approximately \$5000.00. Mayor will look into this equipment before next mosquito season.

Mayor advised that Rolland S. Oden has resigned as Chairman of Medical Board due to other commitments, however, his term expires September 30, 1996. Mayor will appoint someone to this position.

**AUDITING ACCOUNTS - MOTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS & PAY BILLS**

Mr. Smith made motion to transfer funds from GTF \$.07 and GTF \$.04/\$.05 to pay bills, Mr. Fowler second, carried.

**RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS & OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor advised a called meeting on Monday September 16, 1996, at 3:00 p.m. to discuss several financial matters, especially adding a one cent city sales tax, also, the organizational meeting will be Monday, October 7, 1996, at 7:30 P.M. in the town hall, the Eva Art Guild appreciation dinner will be Monday, September 23, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. at the Nutrition site and the art guild needs a count for members attending.

Mr. Smith advised council that the prospect of the mobile home industry which wanted to locate in Eva Industrial Park was terminated due to inter-company agreements. The company would have hired approx. 150 at first and expanded to approx. 400. This project would have initiated a sewer system by matching grant funds. He added that Tom Drake had worked diligently with the people, including Bud Cramer trying to get the plant located in Eva. But on this day, the principal of the company terminated the negotiations for Eva.

Mayor advised council that clerk's anniversary date was August 23, 1996 of three years. After discussion, Mr. Nichols made motion to advance \$.75 per hour on wages, Mr. Smith second, vote 5 yeas, carried, Mr. Collins abstained.

Mayor advised that requested budget from Wheeler Basin Library for 1996/97 year is \$2,000.00 . Mr. Smith made motion to accept, Mr. Nichols, second, carried. Mayor read budget request from North Ala. Mental Health Assoc. Of \$225.00, Mr. Collins made motion to accept, Mr. Nichols, second, carried. After reviewing the Town of Eva Budget for 1996/97, Mr. Alexander made motion to adopt, Mr. Fowler second, carried.

Mr. Alexander made motion to adjourn, Mr. Nichols second, carried

Approved

10/7/96

Attest:

Eva Town Clerk