

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Eva Town Council held on September 8, 1998, at 6:30 P.M. in the Eva Town Hall. Present: Mayor Livingston, C. C. Mosteller, James Fowler, Clarence Alexander, Larry Smith, and Bert Collins. Guests present: Don Stisher, Morgan County Commission Dist. # 3, Dale Greer, City of Cullman Economic Development Office, Jeremy Oden, and Jeff Frost.

After roll call, Mr. Alexander opened with prayer, then Mr. Alexander made motion to dispense reading minutes until hearing from guests, Mr. Collins, second, carried.

Mr. Dale Greer, City of Cullman Economic Development Office, presented to council plans for a water project development by City of Cullman/Cullman County Water Dept. This joint effort will be the Duck River Water Project to be completed in four years or 2002 with a cost of 5 million dollars, according to a study done in 1993. The City of Cullman usage was 1/3 of the 108,000 customers. Cullman County was 1/3 of the customers and the other independent systems was 1/3. At that time, the Army Corp of Engineers determined that Flint Creek was not big enough for the capacity and Duck River Water Project would produce the needed capacity at a cost of 40 million dollars. In 1996, a permit was filed but is not yet approved. An expected price increase for water usage is from .87 cent per thousand gallon to \$1.39 and a capacity of 12 million gallon per day. (Mayor has copy of report) Town of Eva is not an independent system (buying water for resale) however, a resolution is needed to support the project for the water demand in Eva. Mr. Greer asked that after the council discusses the project then consider adopting a resolution which will be an aid in raising financial support. Mayor advised Mr. Greer to fax a sample resolution for their consideration at the next council meeting.

After a discussion concerning many residents being out of water the week-end prior, Mr. Don Stisher, also a board member of the Morgan-Cullman Water Project, advised that he would present the water problems in Eva at the next water board meeting. Then Mr. Stisher advised council that Morgan County Road Department has worked on the road problem in front of the Emu processing plant by widening it. When it rains to pack the road down they are ready to start chip sealing. He advised also that the water problem on highway 55 east of water running into a residents yard seems to be a natural drain under the road. That could be changed for the water to run into Mr. Larry Smith, councilmember, pond if he agreed. Mr. Smith gave his approval to Mr. Stisher for the water to be re-routed into his pond. After discussing several projects in town, Mr. Stisher advised Mayor to list the needed work in a letter once council has a complete list.

Mr. Stisher also advised that county employees defoliated trees on the right-of-way on Carnell Road since there is a vision problem from foliage being in the road. Mrs. Carnell called the county office advising that two cedar trees were planted during her childhood and she had sold them for \$100.00 each to be cut at Christmas, therefore, she wanted the payment. Mr. Stisher stated the trees could be trimmed back but they are not dead. He added that the situation needs to be settled with Mrs. Carnell then asked that Mayor meet with him and Mrs. Carnell concerning this matter. He added that since an easement has been prepared for the owners signature on Ryan Road, there are plans to work it after the document is received by the town. Preparation can be done but chip sealing will have to wait until Spring since the winter weather will break the road up. Mayor advised he would meet with Mr. Stisher on Tuesday of next week at 9:00 A.M. to discuss all work projects including the Medical Building and Tennis Court pads.

Mr. Jeff Frost then advised council that CWF Construction is interested in property at the Industrial Park and needed to know the stipulations plus a cost of land. Mayor advised that approximately 10 acres was sold to East Morgan IDB for \$4,000 per acre and payment would be received when they sell the spec building on the property. Mayor will get all information together and advise Mr. Frost.

After reading minutes of August 11, 1998, Mr. Alexander made motion to approve, Mr. Mosteller second, carried.

FINANCE & EDUCATION - MR. MOSTELLER

After reviewing budget requests for 1998/99 from Eva Library, North Alabama Mental Health Center \$250.00, Eva Volunteer Fire Department \$24,500.00 for 2 (2) - 5" hoses for truck #126 & #128, and Eva School of \$12,000, Mr. Mosteller made motion to approve funds of \$250.00 for North Alabama Mental Health Asso., \$12,500.00 toward 2 (2) - 5" hoses for Eva Volunteer Fire Department, and Eva School \$2,000 applied to items #1 & #4 of the request, and \$9100.00 total operating budget for Eva Library which includes request from Wheeler Basin Library of \$2100.00, Mr. Collins second, carried. After discussing certificate of deposit up for renewal on Eva VFD, Mr. Mosteller made motion for Mayor to re-invest the funds for the best rate at the best financial institution, Mr. Alexander second. Mr. Mosteller made motion to invest \$30,000 in a certificate of deposit for roads and streets usage for one (1) year, Mr. Fowler second. Mr. Mosteller made motion to invest \$10,000 plus available funds in sewer checking account in a certificate of deposit for a period of one (1) year, Mr. Collins second. Mr. Mosteller made motion to increase wages of Tommie Moore to \$7.75 per hour and town clerk wages to \$20,000 per year, Mr. Smith second.

After reviewing the proposed budget for fiscal year 1998/99, Mr. Mosteller made motion to approve the 1998/99 budget as proposed, Mr. Collins second.

UTILITIES - MR. ALEXANDER

Mr. Alexander reported that many residents lost water for two days over the weekend. Cullman County Water Department would not assist in the problem therefore the people had to go to pumps. The water was back on this morning. He advised that the town needs to plan for water supply in the future should there be sudden shortage in the Cullman County Water System.

STREETS, PARKS, & CEMETERIES - MR. FOWLER

Mr. Fowler advised that the tractor has been repaired and has a canopy installed to protect Mr. Moore from the sun. He added that a letter needs to be written to Mr. Stisher giving a list of the projects that needs the county assistance and preparing the pad for the medical building. Also, he added that inmates are needed to clean ditch banks before Saturday, September 19. Mayor asked Mr. Fowler to make a list then advised that Mr. Stisher will meet with them on Tuesday, September 15, 9:00 AM at the town hall to go over the projects.

FIRE & POLICE - MR. SMITH

Mr. Smith advised that he and Mr. Fowler met with the drug task force this past month which was very educational. He advised there will be several arrests made which will be large and very effective to Eva. Mr. Smith then asked Mayor Livingston to report on the alarm system test at Priceville. Mayor then added the system was very strong for approximately 1 mile. The Morgan County EMA director will apply for funds for the emergency warning system. Mr. Smith suggested upgrading Eva's present system. Also, he stated that some town's have a lease purchase program. He will discuss this with Firechief Holmes.

After discussing the drug task force, Mr. Smith made motion for Eva to enter into an agreement for another year with the district, Mr. Alexander second, carried.

RECREATION & SANITATION - MR. COLLINS

Mr. Collins advised that he has contacted Mr. Persall concerning possible grounds maintenance to assist

Mr. Moore and assume the responsibilities should Mr. Moore retire. Mr. Persall stated that it would be one year before he could assist or replace Mr. Moore. Due to the extremely dry weather conditions, there would not be as much grass/weeds as expected.

Mr. Collins then advised that Darrell Haga wants to know when the town plans to start work for the tennis courts pad at the park. Eva Lions Club would also like to know when anything being done since everything is approved to cover the cost. Mr. Stisher has not worked on the pad preparation. Mayor suggested that Mr. Collins ask Eva Lions that if they supplied the funding, the pad could be started.

Mr. Collins stated that hay for Frontier Days needs to be delivered September 17th to the businesses for decoration. The Morgan County Sheriff's Department will cover the hayride and parade. A larger parade is expected this year and that coverage is planned. He then added that the art guild has requested a port-a-john placed at the saddle club when the hayride ends. Mayor advised that the saddle club is private property and that could not be done.

NO REPORT FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES OR HEARINGS ON PETITIONS, ETC.

AUDITING ACCOUNTS

Mayor advised that the firechief purchased gatorade to replenish the fireman while out on calls then presented an invoice from Jack's Foodland in the amount of \$46.56. Mr. Smith made motion to approve payment, Mr. Alexander second, carried. Also Mayor advised that the legal ad in Hartselle Enquirer for administrative services for the ADECA CBDG funding was \$46.56 which will be reimbursed after funds are received. Mr. Smith made motion to approve payment, Mr. Collins second, carried.

After reviewing the bills, Mr. Mosteller made motion to transfer the necessary funds to GTF \$.07 and pay all bills, Mr. Collins second, carried.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS & OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor advised that a Called Council meeting will be held Thursday, September 10, at 8:30 A.M. to discuss the contract for administrative services on the ADECA CBDG funds on Johnson Emu, Inc.

Mr. Collins made motion to adjourn, Mr. Smith second, carried.

Approve

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Attest:

Eva Town Clerk