

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Eva Town Council held on September 9, 1997 at 7:30 P.M. in the Eva Town Hall with the following present: Mayor Livingston, C. C. Mosteller, James Fowler, Clarence Alexander, Larry Smith, and Bert Collins. Guest present: Jeremy Oden, Rev. Robert Smith, and Steve Henderson. After roll call, Mr. Alexander opened with prayer.

Mr. Collins made motion to dispense reading minutes until hearings from guest, Mr. Fowler second, carried.

Mr. Jeremy Oden, representative for Eva Lions Club, advised council that their organization wishes to place security lights on the lower side of the walking trail. They will supply funds to completely install ten lights in full operating condition if the town can expend funds for operation. The prices they have obtained range from \$6,000 - \$8,000 but will get a firm price. Mayor advised that if they propose to furnish funds for lights, wiring, poles, etc., to make the project complete, it would be best for the town to make this purchase and Lions Club make the donation to general fund for contract purposes. After discussion, Mr. Fowler made motion to accept the proposal for the Eva Lions Club to obtain estimates to furnish ten security lights and necessary poles, wiring, etc to make job complete for the lower walking trail and donate that amount to the Town of Eva, Mr. Collins second, carried.

Rev. Robert Smith advised that he is ready for Ryan Rd.. to be paved. All residents on the road has agreed to sign necessary documents for an easement. Mayor advised Mr. Smith that the County Road Dept. Could not prepare the road for paving until later in the fall due to workload. He will also discuss with Don Stisher, Commissioner of District #3.

After reading minutes of August 12, 1997, Mr. Fowler made motion to approve, Mr. Alexander second, carried.

FINANCE & EDUCATION - MR. MOSTELLER

Mr. Mosteller advised that Elouise Oden's term on Eva Library board expires September 30, so a replacement is needed. Mayor asked that he contact Mrs. Oden for re-appointment or discuss it with the library board for a recommendation for this position.

Mr. Mosteller advised a cost for removing/replacing shrubbery at the Nutrition Site will be \$2200.00 quoted from C.E. Ford Landscaping. Since this work was discussed in previous meeting, Mr. Mosteller made motion to accept this quote, Mr. Fowler second, carried. After discussion on renewing certificate of deposit at Eva Bank in the amount of \$45,000 for the operating fund, Mr. Mosteller made motion for Mayor to seek the best rate and financial institution, Mr. Collins second, carried.

Mayor then advised council that cost to replace siding, a window, and the back porch on Health Office is \$3800. After discussing the Health Clinic repairs and possible Medical Board leasing to Dr. Jim Turner, DDS, Mr. Mosteller made motion to repair the office for \$3800 if Dr. Turner would agree to leasing the building, Mr. Fowler second, carried.

After discussing the requested apportionments for fiscal year 1997/98 of Wheeler Basin Regional Library of \$2,000, Mental Health Center of North Alabama \$230, Morgan County Economic Development \$1038, and Frontier Days \$2100; wage increase for employees to \$7.35 per hour for Tommie Moore, maintenance, and \$10.75 per hour for Donna W. Ray, Town Clerk; 1997/98 budget request of Eva Volunteer Fire Department of \$40,000; and Operating Budget for Town of Eva of \$206,426.00, Mr. Mosteller made motion to pay the requested apportionments, pay increases, and approve Eva VFD budget, Mr. Collins second, carried.

Next, the police contract was discussed. Mayor advised that contract from Morgan County Commission was \$36,583.00 for 1996/97 budget year. In a phone conversation today with Capt. Tom Little, Mayor was advised that requested amount from Sheriff's Department was \$35,173.72. The requested amount from Sheriff's Department for 1997/98 year is \$37,172.00 but a new contract has not been submitted to Eva yet. For the 1997/98 budget, an amount of \$37,385.00 was entered since Willa Dockery informed Mayor there would be an increase in the contract amount for this year. Mayor will discuss the difference of contract amount and requested amount for 1996/97 before a new contract is signed to report to council.

Following discussion of the 1997/98 Operating budget, Mr. Mosteller made motion to approve the budget for 1997/98 year in the amount of \$206,426.00, Mr. Fowler second, carried. Mr. Mosteller suggested to council after reviewing the 1996/97 year - end financial report consider \$5,000 - \$6,000 in a certificate for expense on roads. Mayor advised that would be considered when all expense are paid.

UTILITIES - MR. ALEXANDER

Mr. Alexander advised S. D. Childers cleaned up around the picnic tables in the park and found that lightning has struck a tree. Since the tree needed to be cut, Mr. Alexander ask Mr. Childers to cut it and haul it off. He also mentioned that if bushes could be cut, it would keep down some of the mosquito problem in the park - maybe Tommie Moore could work in the lower area during the winter months cutting some of the bushes. Mayor will discuss with county bulldozing the area when they work on the area for concrete pads in the park.

Mr. Alexander stated that the Eva Lions Club wishes to purchase two picnic tables to place near the nutrition site or some location within the park. Mr. Fowler made motion to approve Eva Lions Club purchase two picnic tables for the park, Mr. Collins second, carried. Mr. Collins stated that a landscaping plan has been drawn by the Brewer School Horticulture Class (copy on file with town clerk) if the layout is needed. Mayor ask Mr. Fowler to meet with the Lions Club concerning placement for the tables.

PARKS, STREETS, & CEMETERIES - MR. FOWLER

Mr. Fowler stated that in-mates are needed for clean-up on road banks. Mayor will call and set this up. Mr. Fowler also advised that Brad Norris did not purchase the lot operated as Eva Car Wash due to some legal matters on the land so John Ryan is still the owner. The ditch in front of that property is extremely grown up which requires some kind of machinery as well as all road banks. He mentioned that some trees on the Carnell Road is over the road blocking vision. He also mentioned that in front of the Old Town Hall the pavement is breaking up.

POLICE & FIRE - MR. SMITH

Mr. Smith advised that Morgan County Sheriff's Department met last week with new volunteers for the sub-station located next to First Commercial Bank. Training will be complete by Saturday and opening date should be on Monday. He did not know of any problems within the fire department.

RECREATION & SANITATION - MR. COLLINS

Mr. Collins advised that Daryl Haga, President of Eva Activities, cleaned the bathrooms at the park and they will be controlled. A lock will be placed on the doors and a key given to the town. He advised that some clean-up is still needed and suggested that Don Stisher, county commissioner, be contacted to use the heavy equipment.

He advised that clean-up is in progress at the burned remains of the Eva Tire Shop. Several people with equipment have volunteered to assist in clean-up. Mr. David Chaffin has removed the fence. Mr. Collins

advised that Bobby Smith, who has been cleaning on the property did not comment as to when it would be cleared. Mr. David Chaffin will not agree to old tire being moved to his property. Mayor advised that he would discuss this matter with David Chaffin on Wednesday.

Mr. Steve Henderson, guest at council meeting, advised that he would get legal advise on this matter. Since he was enlisted in the U. S. Army, there would be no charges for any advice on contacting EPA since there is mosquitos in the area.

NO REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES & OFFICERS

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

Mayor advised that two business in town have new owners who have requested transfer of license. Mr. Fowler made motion to transfer privilege license purchased for 1997 be transferred to the new owners for Ross's Corner and Eva Exxon, Mr. Alexander second, carried.

AUDITING ACCOUNTS

Mr. Mosteller made motion to pay bills, Mr. Alexander second, carried.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

After discussing meeting beginning October 1, Mr. Fowler made motion to meet all year at 6:30 p.m., Mr. Collins second, carried. Clerk will prepare an ordinance to change section concerning meeting time.

After discussing adopting a one-cent sales tax in the Town of Eva, Mr. Alexander made motion to approve adding a one-cent sales tax for the Town of Eva, Mr. Mosteller second, carried. Mayor advised that he will discuss this with Mr. Madison and advise council of a called meeting. Mayor Livingston advised that Larry Madison, attorney, is drafting an ordinance on the one-cent sales tax but needs an effective date.

Mr. Smith advised a price for replacing the front door at the Nutrition Site of \$585.00 for mil-finish and approximately \$385.00 for an awning over the door. The town must remove the frame before installation. Price for replacing front door of Town Hall would be \$637.00 complete and the town must remove the frame before installation also. Mr. Alexander will discuss the work of removing frames on both buildings with S. D. Childers. Mr. Collins will get a price from BH Vinyl Construction for an awning.

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

Approved

10/14/97

Attest:

Eva Town Clerk