

Minutes of regular meeting of Eva Town Council held on 14 September 2021 at 6:30 PM at Eva Town Hall. Present: Mayor Gary Livingston, Council Members: Kent Chambers, Edsel Childers, Martin Nelson, Johnny Persall, Ripley Fowler, and Town Clerk Kathy Nelson.

Guests: Nikki Hunter and Jake Laughlin from Flock Camera, Officer William Riley, and Roger Burrow

Mayor called meeting to order; After roll call Mayor Livingston informed all present that we open our meetings with prayer, if anyone objects, we will abstain from this practice at tonight's meeting. No one objected, Mayor Livingston asked Mr. Nelson to lead in prayer.

Mr. Fowler introduced guests, Nikki Hunter and Jake Laughlin and Mayor requested a motion to dispense with reading of minutes to allow guests to present information for Flock Cameras, installation and operation of solar cameras to monitor traffic in Eva. Mr. Fowler so motioned; Mr. Persall seconded- All ayes, motion carried

Mayor Livingston requested a motion to approve minutes of 10 August 2021, Regular Council Meeting without changes, Mr. Persall so motioned; Mr. Childers seconded-All ayes; motion carried.

A. FINANCE, EDUCATION & LIBRARY- MR. CHAMBERS

- Stated Mr. Nelson has painted Library door and tables for children's area
- Shared Library is still planning to replace current sign with a new LED one. Has \$20,000-needs \$35,000
- Requested approval of 2021-2022 fiscal year budgets

B. UTILITIES & STREETS – MR. CHILDERS

- No report

C. PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERIES – MR. PERSALL

- Updated council on status of grant for marsh land drainage correction. Shared price of bulldozer work for October. Mentioned moving utility pole with consent of residents affected. Asked council for use of \$18,000 of 3155-A sales tax monies for project use. Mayor requested a motion to approve money use. Mr. Persall so motioned, Mr. Chambers seconded-All ayes; motion carried.
- Mentioned sand has been delivered to Shorty Ryan Park playground and workers are putting that in place.
- Stated Morgan County inmates will pick up garbage along roadways in preparation for Frontier Days.
- Question use of Methodist Church for Frontier Days car show. Mr. Chambers stated he would get with Harold Moses to make sure space is secured.

D. POLICE, FIRE & GRANTS – MR. FOWLER

- Updated that Morgan County Sheriff's Department car purchase delayed, and Eva will not be able to purchase previously approved vehicle for some time

E. SANITATION & BUILDINGS – MR. NELSON

- No Report

F. HEARINGS ON PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

- Mayor requested a motion to pay town bills. Mr. Chambers so motioned; Mr. Childers seconded-All ayes; motion carried

H. RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS & OR BUSINESS - Mayor Livingston

I. NEW BUSINESS - Mayor Livingston

- Introduced use of timesheets for all Eva employees. Each employee will complete and sign timesheet for each pay period and clerk will use to create pay checks and will keep timesheets on file for future reference. Mayor requested a motion to approve timesheet usage; Mr. Nelson so motioned; Mr. Chambers seconded-All ayes; motion carried
- Explained discontinuation of comp time as an update to Employee Handbook and closing of Town Hall at noon on Fridays of council meeting week to replace time Clerk spends at council meeting. Mayor requested a motion to append Employee Handbook on comp time. Mr. Chambers so motioned; Mr. Fowler seconded-All ayes; motion carried

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- Shared Eva employees will be paid for any end of year vacation time on January 1, 2022. After that date, employees will be in line with guidelines stated in Employee Handbook. Employees may carry over up to 80 hours into new year. Mayor requested a motion to pay employees for residual vacation on January 1, 2022. Mr. Chambers so motioned; Mr. Childers seconded-All ayes; motion carried
- Explained elimination of Part-time Maintenance position. Mayor has talked with Billy Fortenberry and position will end Thursday, September 30, 2021. Mayor requested a motion to eliminate Part-time Maintenance position. Mr. Chambers so motioned; Mr. Nelson seconded- on call of roll results were as follows:

Mayor Livingston	Abstained	Council Member Childers	Yea
Council Member Persall	Yea	Council Member Chambers	Yea
Council Member Nelson	Yea	Council Member Fowler	Yea

That presiding officer declares motion adopted by majority vote of members present.

- Introduced salary increases for Town of Eva employees beginning October 1, 2021. Mentioned pay for like positions at several local municipalities and requested a motion to raise hourly rates for town workers (excluding clerk who recently received an increase) to \$3 an hour above current hourly rates. For Library workers, the hourly rates would increase to \$1 an hour above current hourly rates. Julie Mooney will receive a \$2 hourly increase when working as Assistant Clerk at the Town Hall. Librarians will be responsible for any library cleaning.
- Discussed the retirement of Judy Fortenberry as Assistant Town Clerk and hiring of Julie Mooney as replacement Assistant Town Clerk. Mayor requested a motion to accept the retirement of Judy Fortenberry and acceptance of Julie Mooney as replacement. Mr. Nelson so motioned; Mr. Childers seconded-All ayes; motion carried
- Requested approval of fiscal year 2021-2022 budgets for all town accounts based on work session decisions. Mayor requested a motion to approve the budgets. Mr. Chambers so motioned; Mr. Childers seconded; All ayes; budgets approved
- Shared donation requests from Eva School for \$8,500, Brewer School for \$3,500, and Mental Health Center for \$1,000. Mayor requested a motion to approve donations. Mr. Chambers so motioned; Mr. Fowler seconded-All ayes; motion carried. Clerk will write checks after October 1, 2021.
- Mentioned property available for town purchase-John's Garden Center property and .9-acre corner lot on Morgan/Eva Road. No action to purchase now.
- Asked Clerk to pay final payment to Center for Municipal Solutions and repay remainder to Tillman Infrastructure to close out cell tower application process
- After Council discussion, stated we will be having Safety Meeting this year and asked Clerk to begin planning process

Mayor Livingston requested a motion to adjourn, Mr. Nelson so motioned, Mr. Persall seconded, motion carried.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk