

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Eva Town Council held on September 8, 2009, 6:30 p.m. at the Eva Town Hall. Present: Mayor Gary Livingston, Councilmember's: Johnny Persall, James Henderson, Bert Collins, Kent Chambers, Brandlee Shadden absence due to Soccer Games and Clerk Judy Fortenberry.

Guests: John Holmes, Joe Hill, Betty and Kenneth Golden, Robert Halbrooks, Martha Whitney, Athelia Gibbs, Bob Balch arrived at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Livingston called the meeting to order; all council members present with the exception of Brandlee Shadden. After roll call, 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. Collins to open with prayer.

Council member Chambers motion to dispense with minutes until after hearing from our guest, Council member Collins second, carried.

Mayor Livingston turned the meeting over to Athelia Gibbs with the Library; Ms Gibbs turned the meeting over to Ms. Golden. Ms Golden reported that the WiFi is working great. Mayor Livingston reported that he had talked with the Mayors from Priceville, Somerville, and Falkville, concerning the salaries of their Librarians, Priceville tops out at \$12.50, Falkville at \$10.00, and Somerville at \$8.00.

The Friends of the Eva Public Library and the Eva Library Board recommended Michele Thompson for employment at the Eva Library, filling the position now occupied by Betty Golden. Ms. Golden will move into the position now occupied by Ms. Gibbs, Ms Golden will receive the same hours and money that Ms. Gibbs receives. After discussion Council Member Chambers motion to hire Michele Thompson to replace Betty Golden, and to move Ms. Golden up to Ms. Gibbs position, Mr. Henderson seconded, carried.

Mayor turned the meeting over to Morgan County Superintendent of Education Bob Balch. Mr. Balch thanked the Council for all the support that we give to the Eva School; he also gave passes to the Mayor and council members to all Morgan County School Athletic activities.

Mayor Livingston turned the meeting over to Ms. Martha Whitney. Ms Whitney reported on some of her finding on the internet concerning the Swine Flu and her fears of the vaccine. After ten minutes Mayor Livingston asked her what she wanted us to do about this fear, her reply was she did not know - she just needed to let someone know of this information that was connected to the Town Government.

Mayor Livingston asked if everyone had read the minutes of the August 11, 2009 Regular Council Meeting. Council member Henderson motion to approve the minutes, Council member Collins seconded, carried. Mayor asked if everyone present had read the minutes from the Work Session of August 17, 2009. Council member Chambers motion to approve the minutes, Council member Henderson seconded, carried.

#### **A: FINANCE, EDUCATION & LIBRARY-- MR. CHAMBERS**

Mr. Chambers reported that he had looked at the gazebo in Madison and made the

recommendation that we not build anything smaller than 25'.

Mr. Chamber presented the Contract with Morgan County Commission for \$5,000 for the Library after discussion, Mr. Chambers motion to sign the Contract, Mr. Collins seconded, carried.

Mr. Chambers presented the agreement letter from Wear, Howell, Strickland, Quinn & Law, LLC for the 2008-2009 audits. Clerk pointed out that it was the Mayor's responsibility to see that the audit was done, and that he could use whichever company he choose. Mayor stated that he was happy with the way that Wear, Howell, Strickland, Quinn and Law had done the audit it the passed and he preferred to go with them. Mr. Chamber motion to accept the agreement letter, Mr. Henderson seconded, carried.

Mr. Chambers presented the Budget for 2009-2010 for the General Fund, VFD, Sewer, Library and Activities. He pointed out that we had set up individual budgets for the Library and Sewer Fund this year; he also stated that the budgets were what were recommended at the August 17, 2009 work session. He stated that hopefully we would be able to revise the budget after a few months depending on the income. Mr. Chambers motion to accept the budgets as presented, Mr. Persall seconded, carried.

#### **B: UTILITIES & STREETS- MR. SHADDEN**

Mayor reported that it was decided at the work session to replace the bleachers used for soccer games (ones the Insurance Company recommended that we replace) with funds from Recreation Budget. Mr. Henderson motion to purchase the bleachers, Mr. Persall seconded, carried.

Mayor Livingston reported the need to address the drainage along Eva Road from the Eva Exxon to the Medical Building, before the sidewalks are installed. CDG Engineers had given us a quote of \$60,000 for the work, Don Stisher estimated the County could do the work for around \$20,000, but they could not do the design. Clerk check and we could use 4and 7 cent Gas Tax money for the drainage.

Mr. Persall motion to approve the drainage project if the County could do the work as quoted, Mr. Collins seconded, carried.

#### **C: PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERIES - MR. PERSALL**

Mr. Persall reported park coming along, that Don Stisher had quoted \$50,000 to pave the parking lot, stated we have a \$15,000 CD for the Park and we could use Capital Improvement money for the rest, the Town has 37,000 in Capital Improvement money. County could do the work in October.

Mr. Persall motion to pave the parking lot, Mr. Chambers seconded, carried.

Mayor requested that we check to see where the sewer line will go before we do the paving that we will need to install the line before they pave. Joe Hill will look into this.

Mr. Persall discussed the gazebo, decided to table until spring.

**D: POLICE, FIRE & GRANTS – MR HENDERSON**

Mr. Henderson reported that the sidewalk project will start at the park and come south; this will give the town time to do the drainage work, but that we should get a firm price on the work ASAP.

**F: SANITATION & BUILDINGS –MR. COLLINS**

Mr. Collins reported all is well at the plant, agreement with EPA signed and returned.

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

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

Council member Collins motion to pay bills, Council member Chambers seconded, carried.

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

Mayor Livingston reported that Senator Orr had requested the Town of Eva join the North-central Alabama Regional Council of Government, after discussion Ordinance No. 09-07 Titled: Resolution for the Town of Eva to become a member of the North-central Alabama Regional Council of Government (NARCOG) was presented by Council member Henderson.

Council Member Persall moved that all rules governing the council which might, unless suspended, prevent the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 09-07 at this meeting is and the same are hereby suspended for the purpose of permitting the resolution to be finally passed and adopted at this meeting.

Council Member Chambers seconded this motion.

The question was put before the council and on roll call the vote was as follows.

Mayor Livingston	Yea	Council Member Collins	Yea
Council Member Persall	Yea	Council Member Henderson	Yea
Council Member Chambers	Yea		

Mayor Livingston presiding officer declared the motion adopted by unanimous vote of the members present.

Council Member Henderson moved that the said Ordinance 09-07 be finally passed and adopted as introduced.

Council Member Persall seconded this motion.

Mayor Livingston presiding officer put the question of final passage and the adoption of said Resolution to vote of the council, and on call of the roll the results were as follows:

Mayor Livingston            Yea  
Council Member Persall    Yea  
Council Member Chambers   Yea

Council Member Collins    Yea  
Council Member Henderson   Yea

Presiding officer Mayor Livingston announced the result of the vote, and declared Ordinance 09-07 passed and adopted.

New Business: Frontier Days September 19-26, 2009. Bluegrass Festival September 19, 5:30 p.m., Merchant Dinner Monday September 21, 7:00 p.m., Hayride September 22, 6:30 p.m., parade September 16 11:00 a.m.

Council member Henderson motion to adjourn, Council member Persall seconded, carried.

Approved:

*Mayor*

Attest: .

*Town Clerk*