

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Eva Town Council held on Tuesday, October 14, 1997, 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: Scott Oden, V-Pres. Eva School PTO and Steve Henderson, resident.

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

Scott Oden advised council that a school project at Eva School is raising funds for flat top desks. While students are in "hands-on" science classes, projects slide off the desk they have at the present time. He advised that if all classes have the desk, the cost will be \$22,000. The old desk will be kept for extra when needed. He requested \$6,000 for the town council. Mr. Mosteller advised that he understood that the desks are needed for science classes, however, the budget was approved in September. Since the town had not received a request from Eva School, \$1500.00 was approved. Mr. Mosteller also explained that extra funds had been appropriated for Eva School last year and the council had agreed not to expend any other funds unless it was an emergency. Since the \$1500.00 had been approved for Eva School in the 1997/98 budget if a request was received, Mr. Mosteller made motion to approve issuing \$1500.00 to Eva School toward purchase of needed desk, Mr. Fowler second, carried.

After reading minutes of September 9 called meeting, Mr. Fowler made motion to approve, Mr. Collins second, carried. After reading minutes of September 22 regular meeting Mr. Collins made motion to approve, Mr. Alexander second, carried.

FINANCE & EDUCATION - MR. MOSTELLER

Mr. Mosteller advised that he contacted Elouise Oden to see if she would re-new the four year term with the Library Board and she agreed, if appointed. Mr. Mosteller made motion to re-appoint Mrs. Oden, Mr. Collins second, carried.

Mayor stated he has not discussed city sales tax collection with Morgan County sale tax office. He will meet with their office and then call a meeting concerning sales tax collection and the license ordinance.

Mr. Mosteller questioned the sale of the Health Office trailer. Mayor explained that the trailer is personal property so it does not require bids. He advised that he would call the three people who are interested in purchasing; namely: Tim Kinney, Pastor of Victorious Life Church, Ronnie Ryan, and Charles Frost. He will contact each one to bid on the trailer. After discussion concerning a problem of moving the trailer if the purchaser did not have land ready. Mr. Mosteller made motion that whoever purchases the trailer must move it within 12 months or ownership reverts back to the Town of Eva, Mr. Fowler second, carried.

UTILITIES - MR. ALEXANDER

Mr. Alexander reported that electrical rates have increased in the same manner as water rates increased recently.

STREETS, PARKS, & CEMETERIES - MR. FOWLER

Mr. Fowler questioned if the Carnell Road had been trimmed. Mayor advised that Don Stisher, Commissioner for District # 3, has looked at the road banks and realizes there is a problem of being able to see clearly around the curve. He also suggested that someone discuss trimming the bushes with Mrs. Carnell since she does not want the county cutting them back. Zack Holmes advised that he would

discuss the matter with Mrs. Carnell since he has to travel that road but he would not trim the bushes.

STREETS, PARKS & CEMETERIES - CONT'D

Mr. Fowler also ask if repairs will be done on Highway 55. Mayor has discussed this also with Don Stisher and he has agreed to look at the road for repairs.

Next, Mr. Fowler asked about work on the walking trail. Mayor advised that Mr. Stisher has also agreed the county could work on the trail. Also, Mr. Stisher advised they could level the area for basketball courts which will probably be 100 ft. X 100ft. according to Darrell Haga.

In addition, Mr. Fowler stated there is room to place picnic tables in the park if someone from the Lions Club would meet him there to discuss the space needed. Mr. Fowler will contact the Lions Club for this information.

Mayor advised that he and Don Stisher has looked at the water problem in front of Mrs. Luhman's residence. Mr. Stisher thinks it is probably a stopped up tile. A fire truck could test the area with water. If it is a stopped up drain, the area would have to be cut out to clean it. Mr. Alexander then asked if the area if front of Geraldine Miner's had been reviewed. Water from heavy rains run down her property and stands across the road which is very dangerous. Mayor advised that he would ask Mr. Stisher to also look at that area when they start site preparation for the basketball courts and medical building.

Mayor also advised there is two trees that Bobby Smith is trying to save before paving is started on Ryan Road. Mr. Stisher stated that the trees would have to be topped for sure. Mayor will ask Bobby Smith to get forms from Larry Madison, attorney, for signatures from property owners and Eva Methodist Church for easement to Ryan Road. The paving will end at Bobby Smith's house.

Mr. Collins asked Mayor if he and Mr. Stisher looked at the ditch in front of Eva School. Mayor advised that they did look at the situation. Mr. Fowler asked if it is required footage on side roads even if it is a public road. Mayor will also discuss with Mr. Stisher. Mr. Collins advised that a limb is hanging down on Gravel Ridge Road that is hitting cars and he advised that he hole is deep on Murphree Road which is very dangerous. Mayor will look at both problems.

POLICE & FIRE - MR. SMITH

Mayor mentioned that the recent fire at G. C. Childers' building could have destroyed the whole complex if the PVC water lines had not put out the fire.

Mr. Smith advised that the Morgan County Sheriff sub-station is open three days per week with volunteers working in the office. He advised that Sheriff Crabbe will send a trustee to work around the station and for the town when needed. He added that a police contract has not been drawn up for the new year. Mr. Fowler asked if the drug situation has been checked. Mr. Smith stated that Sheriff Crabbe is working on the problem.

RECREATION & SANITATION - MR. COLLINS

Mr. Collins advised that Darrell Haga has cleaned the bathrooms at the park and are now locked up. He has a key but will get additional keys for town hall. Mr. Collins stated that the bathrooms need to be winterized. Mayor advised that Eva Activities will pay phone bills to leave it on all year since they plan to have meeting in the concession area. Mr. Collins advised that old tires at Eva Tire location still needs to be moved.

NO REPORT FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES & OFFICES

After discussing an auditor for the books FY 96/97, Clerk advised that Tom Perkins has agreed to audit the books for the same fee of \$800.00 Mr. Fowler made motion to use Tom Perkins, CPA to audit the books for FY 96/97, Mr. Smith second, carried.

Mayor advised that November meeting date will fall on a Veterans Day which is a legal holiday therefore, council needs to meet on Monday, November 10, at 6:30 P.M. Also a called meeting and worksession will be set in the near future.

Mayor advised that Eva Art Guild wishes to have a town wide open house on November 15. He will call Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce for advertising.

Mayor then advised that a committee is needed to start work on the Medical Clinic since his work schedule is complex. Since the one-cent tax was approved to assist in funding, he asked Mr. Smith if he would assist. Mr. Collins stated that he would work on the committee.

Mr. Collins advised that Bama Glass is ready to replace the doors at Nutrition Site and Town Hall but B H Construction is not available to remove the doors frames. Mr. Alexander stated that all doors at the Nutrition Site will not shut properly which sometimes do not shut since the senior citizens could not pull them up close. It is dangerous for the doors to be left as they are at present. After discussion, Mr. Alexander made motion to replace all doors at the Nutrition Site, Mr. Fowler second, carried. Mr. Smith advised that the town can purchase door and frames direct if someone can install them.

After reviewing the expenses, Mr. Mosteller made motion to pay bills, Mr. Collins second, carried.

Mr. Collins then made motion to adjourn. Mr. Fowler second, carried.

Approved

Attest:

Eva Town Clerk