

Minutes of regular meeting of Eva Town Council held on 10 September 2024 at 6:30 PM at Eva Town Hall. Present: Mayor Gary Livingston, Council Members: Martin Nelson, Kent Chambers, and Edsel Childers, Clerk Kathy Taylor and Assistant Clerk Kimberly Cryer.

Guests: Nolan West, Joyce Woodall, Charles Stephens, Roger Burrow, Joe Hill, Terri Hightower, Josh Livingston, Dana Allison, Karson Nelson, Jared Miner, April Hall, William Fite, Ashleigh West, William Riley, and Jason Holmes.

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, Martin Nelson led in prayer.

Mayor Livingston requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes to vote on the Council Place Four left vacant by Ripley Fowler's resignation. Mayor Livingston said there were eight great candidates interviewed: Nolan West, Charles Wesley Stephens, April Hall, Yancy Smith, Ronnie Ryan, Mike McLemore, and Harold Moses. Roger Burrow withdrew his name the day of the interviews. Mayor Livingston asked for a motion to appoint Charles Wesley Stephens as Council Place Four, Mr. Chambers so motioned; Mr. Persall seconded; All ayes-motioned carried. After being approved, Mr. Stephens took his oath of office given by the Town Clerk and joined the council meeting as a member.

Mayor Livingston requested a motion to approve minutes of 13 August 2024, Regular Council Meeting. Mr. Nelson so motioned; Mr. Childers seconded; All ayes-motion carried.

A. FINANCE, EDUCATION & LIBRARY– MR. CHAMBERS

- Stated that the council had a budget work session and asked the mayor to request a motion to approve the budgets realizing that line item "5290 Election" with a budget of \$8000 needed to be added to the General Fund. Mayor Livingston requested a motion to approve the budget with the change. Mr. Chambers so motioned; Mr. Persall seconded; All ayes-motion carried
- Asked for a Library update from Joyce Woodall. She stated they recently added game day for homeschoolers on Thursdays 2-4 and although the numbers are a little low, she thought they would improve. Joyce asked about getting new computers for the library before fiscal year end. She has already talked with Chris Childers about getting those. Mr. Chambers promised extra Town funds, if needed
- Introduced Mr. Jared Miner, Eva Junior High Principal and his 3rd grade teachers. Mr. Miner said how proud he was of the 3rd grade teachers and their students for number one reading scores and will recognize those students later at an assembly.

B. UTILITIES & STREETS – MR. CHILDERS

- No Report

C. PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERIES – MR. PERSALL

- Asked if we had rye grass for the fields at the shop and mayor said yes.
- Wanted to have Larry Madison look at our ordinance for events for any needed changes. Said Ashley Richardson from Daniel's Chapel Church wants permission to host preaching in the park on October 12th 6pm-9pm. They would have food trucks and take care of everything including clean up. Council gave approval for the event.
- Stated that he wanted Matthew Frost or Mikey Caudle to fine-tune the new car show location

for Frontier Days. The mayor said he told Jerriel Patton to use the church lot for extra tractor show parking.

D. POLICE, FIRE & GRANTS – MR. STEPHENS

- Asked Jason Holmes for a Volunteer Fire Department report and he replied everything was going smoothly.
- Asked Officer Riley for a deputy report and he said Eva renewed the Morgan County Sheriff's Department contract. Mayor Livingston said the Flock camera contract is good until January 2025 and we will re-evaluate them at contract end and asked Riley to get info on the cameras effectiveness.

E. SANITATION & BUILDINGS- MR. NELSON

- Said Kenneth Golden finished painting the dentist office
- Stated medical building had a few more items to complete before it is done.
- Talked about getting IRA benefits for the town employees. Mayor asked Mr. Persall and Mr. Nelson to go to Edward Jones and discuss available options and report to the Council

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

No Report

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

Mayor requested a motion to pay 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

- Stated there will be an Art Guild Frontier Days meeting on September 11th 3:30 pm and the merchant dinner is the 23rd at 7 pm.
- Recognized Terri Hightower from Eva Senior Center who stated all is good.
- Asked William Fite from the Marines Toys for Tots to share and he said he will host Toys for Tots in October. He also asked for contact information to participate in the local parades.
- Stated that Cullman County water fixed a leak near the Wagon Wheel.
- Said EMS reported a faulty weather siren at Eva School and wants the Clerk to get a repair estimate.

Mayor Livingston requested a motion to adjourn, Mr. Childers so motioned, Mr. Persall seconded; All Ayes- motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk