

Minutes of regular meeting of Eva Town Council held on 2 October 2023 at 6:30 PM at Eva Town Hall. Present: Mayor Gary Livingston, Council Members: Edsel Childers, Johnny Persall, Martin Nelson, Ripley Fowler, Kent Chambers, and Assistant Town Clerk Kimberly Cryer. Town Clerk Kathy Taylor was absent due to death in the family.

Guests: Arthur Orr, Charles Stephens, and Joyce Woodall

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.

Mayor asked to suspend the start of the regular meeting to recognize Senator Arthur Orr. Mr. Persall so motioned; Mr. Chambers seconded; All ayes-motion carried. Senator Orr thanked our council for all that they do and then presented two checks- one for \$15,000 to our Library and one for \$20,000 for our town's lighting project for our walking trail.

Mayor Livingston requested a motion to approve minutes of 12 September 2023, Regular Council Meeting without changes. Mr. Childers so motioned; Mr. Nelson seconded; All ayes-motion carried.

A. FINANCE, EDUCATION & LIBRARY– MR. CHAMBERS

- Will go to Brewer Tuesday October 3rd to drop off the donation from the town and see what project they will be doing with the funds.
- Will present donation to Eva next week due to Principal being in meetings all this week.
- Wants to amend the handbook to state sick leave will only be for full time employees not all employees. Mr. Chambers so motioned; Mr. Persall seconded; All ayes-motion carried.
- Wants all council members to look through our voters list that Mr. Nelson had Kim get and write down all who they know don't belong on it anymore so that Kim and Kathy can find out how to make updates to it.
- Recognized Joyce Woodall who stated:
 - Tinsel trail has sold all but 4 tree which will be a grand total of 68 trees.
 - The Library got a \$5000.00 grant from APLS.

B. UTILITIES & STREETS – MR. CHILDERS

- Got a bid on paving at shelters and basketball courts from Spicer and Son's which will guarantee them for 1 year.
- Mr. Chambers just to make sure that when lining basketball courts that he also lines for pickleball court in a different color.

C. PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERIES – MR. PERSALL

- Wants to fine tune the property by the cemetery so it looks a lawn not a hay field.
- Special project during the winter for Mikey and Joe fix sidewalks and to expand the doctors' offices.
- Asked that until we fix sidewalks, we spray them.

D. POLICE, FIRE & GRANTS – MR. FOWLER

- Helipad update: Don Stisher said, he would do the layout of the pad for us.
- Said, the yearly police protection contract is up for renewal it went up roughly 3,000. Will get with County about the renewal paperwork and have for the next meeting.

- Will get with County about the inmates that helped with Frontier Days about a job well done and how thankful we were for all the hard work they put in.
- Mentioned that the property by the cemetery would make a great place to put a new VFD.

E. SANITATION & BUILDINGS – MR. NELSON

- Suggested that we approve Resolution 23-04 **ACCEPTING SEWER PROJECT BID.**
- Need to set up conference call with Crystal Jones from RSA now that we have results in from our case study. Mr. Nelson states he thinks it is very important that we provide retirement for our employees everyone agreed, but they also agreed with Mr. Chambers about making sure that the town could afford it before we commit to anything.

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. Childers so motioned. Mr. Chambers seconded; All Ayes-motion carried.

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

23-04-RESOLUTION-Accepting Sewer Project Bid

Council Member Nelson moved that all rules governing the council which might unless suspended, prevent the passage and adoption of the Resolution at this meeting, be and the same are hereby suspended for the purpose of permitting the said Resolution 23-04 to be finally passed and adopted at this meeting.

That Council member Chambers seconded this motion.

That the 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 Childers.	Yea
Council Member Persall	Yea	Council Member Chambers	Yea
Council Member Nelson	Yea	Council Member Fowler	Yea

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

Council Member Nelson moved that the said Resolution 23-04 be finally passed and adopted as introduced.

That Council Member Chambers seconded this motion.

That the 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 Childers.	Yea
Council Member Persall	Yea	Council Member Chambers	Yea
Council Member Nelson	Yea	Council Member Fowler	Yea

The presiding officer announced the result of the vote and declared the Resolution 23-04 finally passed and adopted.

I. NEW BUSINESS - Mayor Livingston

- Wants to investigate adding onto the Medical Clinic due to them seeing patients until 7-8 pm almost every night. Joe and Mikey stated that the utilities are not located where they want to add on.
- Stated that the contract for the Medical Clinic is up for renewal and they are staying.
- The ladies in the office might check rates for the Joe Wheeler for the internet and phone service for the town.

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

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk