

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Eva Town Council held on November 10, 1998, at 6:30 P.M. in the Eva Town Hall. Present: Larry Smith, Pro Tem, James Fowler, Clarence Alexander, and Bert Collins. Mr. C. C. Mosteller was absent due to prior commitments. Mayor Gary Livingston absent due to employment responsibilities. Guests present: Mr. Lynn Gibbs, Friends of Eva Library, and Stephen Henderson, resident.

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

Mr. Lynn Gibbs advised council of update on proposed Eva Public Library building fund. After completing a major part of the fund raising, a total of \$17,363.00 is in the bank. With promised funds from Eva Lions Club, Eva Art Guild, Friends of the Library, Library Board, private donations, and hopefully funds from State discretionary funds will total \$27,000 by Spring. There will be fund raisers this week-end of November 14 to all merchants, banks and builders. Several grant applications have been submitted and several mail-outs will be made to raise the necessary \$50,000 for the building. Mr. Gibbs asked that Larry Smith and James Fowler serve with him on a building committee to begin the necessary process toward this project since he is not familiar with the steps of construction and obtaining prices.

After reading minutes of October 13, Mr. Fowler made motion to approve, Mr. Alexander second, carried.

FINANCE & EDUCATION - MR. SMITH

Mr. Smith advised that a certificate of deposit will mature on November 14, in the amount of \$48,096.87 at 5.5%, term of 7 months, for the general fund account. Mr. Collins made motion for Mayor Livingston to seek the best rate and financial institution for re-investment, Mr. Alexander second.

Mr. Smith stated that Architect Curtis Kirsch requested a plot survey of the proposed medical facility building and Town Hall before the job could be bid. Mr. Collins made motion to pay \$400.00 for the necessary survey, Mr. Fowler second, carried. Mr. Smith advised that the bid package should be ready in the near future.

Then Mr. Smith advised that an auditor needs to be appointed for fiscal year 1997/98 audit. Clerk advised that Tom Perkins, CPA, maintains a fee of \$800.00 compared to a minimum of \$2000.00 fee from CPA's in Cullman. After discussion concerning the length of time by Mr. Perkins in preparing the audit this past year due to family illnesses, Mr. Alexander made motion to appoint Tom Perkins, CPA to audit the financial books for 1997/98 year., Mr. Collins second, carried.

UTILITIES - MR. ALEXANDER

Mr. Alexander advised that he asked William Neal to work on the security lights at the park. Mr. Collins stated that Mr. Neal said there is still problems on the lights. After discussion, Mr. Collins stated that he would tell Mr. Neal to make the necessary repairs since he approached him concerning this matter. Mr. Neal also asked if the service was to be installed for the tennis courts. Mr. Collins will get an estimate from Mr. Neal for the security lights and service to tennis courts.

Mr. Alexander then added that the security light at Donald Morgan's drive-way and the one on Lindler Drive has been repaired. A tree had to be cut from around the one on Lindler Drive before repaired.

STREETS, PARKS, & CEMETERIES - MR. FOWLER

Mr. Fowler advised that pad was poured for the tennis courts by Shelby Contracting but they will have to pour additional asphalt to level since water collected in the middle. He added that the dense brush growth in the low section between the walking trails has been cleared by the county. Mr. Moore will sow grass seeds as soon as possible. Since the county employees worked overtime on Saturday to complete the job, he made motion to pay the overtime expense, Mr. Collins second, carried. He added that the area was cleaned up very well.

Mr. Fowler again advised that repairs need to be done on Highway 55 and suggested that the county patch it as did Cullman County for Eva Road south. He will discuss this with Mayor Livingston. He then advised that the walking trail was filled in where washed.

Since Mr. Fowler is Safety Coordinator for the town's insurance, he read an agreement from Alabama League of Municipalities for the town to receive a 5% discount off workmen's compensation insurance. Within the agreement was the implementation of a Drug and Alcohol Testing Program. Mr. Fowler and Mr. Smith suggested that the town consider implementing this program which will probably become mandatory in the near future. Mr. Smith suggested that clerk seek a sample program for council to consider for adoption at next council meeting.

FIRE & POLICE - MR. SMITH

Mr. Smith advised that the contracted deputy has been patrolling at night since there has been several crimes around Halloween. He then advised that the 5" hose that the town agreed to purchase for fire protection was ordered and received.

After discussion concerning the police contract , Mr. Collins made motion for Mayor Livingston to enter contract agreement with Morgan County Sheriff's Department for police protection for another year, Mr. Fowler second, carried.

RECREATION & SANITATION - MR. COLLINS

Mr. Collins questioned council if it was necessary to insure playground equipment and fences at the park that had been donated. Following this discussion, Mr. Collins made motion not to insure the playground equipment for replacement that was donated, Mr. Alexander second, carried. Mr. Alexander suggested that town did need the fences insured for replacement. Mr. Collins will find out an estimate on all fences at the park. Also discussed was whether concessions should be locked up for winter but due to the utilities meter reader having to get readings at the building Mr. Collins will check into this matter also.

Mr. Collins advised that William Chaffin will remove that old tank from the property.

Mr. Smith stated that three (3) metal doors have been ordered for the Nutrition Site and Loyd Childers will install them in the existing frames. Someone will need to paint them after installation.

AUDITING ACCOUNTS

Mr. Collins made motion to approve paying bills, Mr. Fowler second, carried.

NO REPORTS - SPECIAL COMMITTEES OR HEARINGS, PETITIONS, APPCS., ETC.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Smith advised council there is some delay on ADECA industry funding for Johnson Emu Processing since East Morgan Industrial Development Board has agreed to pave the property. Since the property must be deeded to East Morgan IDB to proceed with paving, it must then be deeded back to Johnson Emu Processing when complete before ADECA will release funds.

Mr. Smith then announced that Eva Industrial Board meeting December 10, 6:30 P.M. at Bobby's Restaurant. Several newly elected state officials and outgoing officials will be invited. Then added that Representative Jeremy Oden will be sworn in on Saturday, November 14, at 8:00 AM, Oden Ridge Fire Department.

Mr. Collins asked for personal donations toward a memorial plaque for the late Councilmember Charles Nichols for his dedication to the growth of Eva library.

Mr. Smith advised that town had received an estimate for landscaping around the new tennis courts at the park in the amount of \$1050.00 from C. E. Ford Landscaping. Mr. Fowler made motion to proceed with the landscaping since the area will wash out if not done, Mr. Alexander second, carried.

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

Approved

12/8/98

Attest: