

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Eva Town Council held on November 10, 1997. Present: Larry Smith, Pro Tem, Bert Collins, Clarence Alexander, and C. C. Mosteller. Mayor Livingston was absent due to illness and James Fowler absent due to prior commitments. Mr. Steve Henderson, town resident, present at meeting. Larry Smith, Pro Tem presided due to absence of Mayor. After roll call, Mr. Alexander opened with prayer. Mr. Henderson did not have any request.

After reading minutes of regular meeting of October 14, 1997, Mr. Alexander made motion to approve, Mr. Collins, second, carried. After reading minutes of called meeting on October 28, 1997, Mr. Collins made motion to approve, Mr. Alexander second, carried.

FINANCE & EDUCATION - MR. MOSTELLER

After reviewing 9/31/97 finance report and discussing possibility of investing funds in certificate of deposit for road repairs, Mr. Mosteller suggested to wait until later date to vote on this matter.

Clerk reported that Mayor Livingston called prior to the meeting and advised that he has discussed with Ed Sims of Morgan County Revenue Department concerning collection of the one cent sales tax in Eva. Mr. Sims advised Mayor that there would be a one time fee of \$4600.00 to set up a data base for Town of Eva. Mr. Sims also advised he would contact the county attorney to clarify if Morgan County could collect the tax on percentage bases. Clerk advised that Mr. Sims did also call and their attorney, Mr. Shinn, approved the county collecting on percentage bases. Mayor would have to meet with Mr. Bennich, Morgan County Commissioner for a rate which the range would be 1% to 10%. If they agreed to 10%, then \$4600.00 one time fee would be waived. The fee would include billing/collection of privilege license. Also, Mr. Sims advised Clerk that Morgan County Revenue Office could enforce collection since they have an ordinance in place for collection. He added that Eva Town Council would have to adopt an ordinance for that purpose and also Morgan County Commission. Clerk advised that Morgan County Revenue Office has information for the data base since they already collect 2% Morgan County from Eva and business selling in Eva. After discussion, council agreed that a meeting needs to set up with Mr. Bennich to clarify the charges.

Clerk also advised that Mayor stated that Charles Frost, owner of CWF Construction, did not re-submit a bid on the office trailer and he understood that the heating and air conditioning unit does not operate. He left his price at \$4480.00. Mr. Alexander made motion to accept the bid of \$4480.00 to sell the office trailer to Charles Frost when a title is available, Mr. Collins second, carried.

Clerk advised that in a letter from Municipal Workers Compensation Fund, there is an agreement for Mayor Livingston and James Fowler, Safety Coordinator to read. If all items are agreed upon, the town would receive a 5% discount on premiums. Mr. Alexander made motion for Mayor and Mr. Fowler to review the agreement and make necessary decision concerning this letter, Mr. Collins second, carried.

UTILITIES - MR. ALEXANDER

Mr. Alexander reported that the water bill for the library had more than doubled the normal bill and clerk had asked him to check for leaks. After checking into the water problem Mr. Alexander discovered that the water meter was not visible since it was covered with mud therefore, it had not been read. He asked clerk to contact water department and advised them of this matter.

PARK, STREETS, & CEMETERIES - MR. FOWLER

Since Mr. Fowler was absent, Mr. Smith reported that East Morgan Industrial Development Board meets on Thursday, November 13, 1997. Mr. Eric Sumerford plans to have all necessary paperwork complete on agreement for sale of property to East Morgan IDB at Eva Industrial Park.

Mr. Collins reported that the bridge has been replaced on Moses Road. Clerk advised that Mr. Fowler stated that paving will be done as soon as the road is tested. There is approximately one tenth of a mile which the town will have to pay for the paving.

POLICE & FIRE - MR. SMITH

Mr. Smith advised that town has not received a police contract yet for the fiscal year 1997/98. He also advised that Chief Tom Little has submitted a request to Morgan County Commission. He advised that the Sheriff Sub-station is open three days each week and it is maintained by volunteers which are selling gun permits, etc.

He added that he has received many good reports on the operation of the Eva Volunteer Fire Department and their dedicated work at the recent fires.

RECREATION & SANITATION - MR. COLLINS

Mr. Collins advised that he and Mr. Fowler now has keys to the bathrooms at the park. He has asked Mr. Chaffin again about the old tires and scrap metal still at the corner where the tire shop burned.

He advised that clean-up is in progress at Picket Fence Florist (G.C. Childers building) since the fire there. He understands that Mrs. Duskin plans to re-open the shop in Eva.

NO REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES & OFFICERS

HEARINGS ON PETITIONS, APPLCS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, COMMUNC. ETC.u

Clerk advised that some problems on what organizations should pay for rental at the Nutrition Site. According to lease agreement, if the kitchen is used, rent is due. After lengthy discussion, Mr. Alexander made suggestion to table this discussion until December meeting.

After discussion of rentals at the Nutrition Site, Mr. Alexander made motion that Clerk should get a receipt from the Nutrition Site Director for all payments made in cash, Mr. Collins second, carried.

Since the council voted to replace the doors at the Nutrition Site in October meeting, Mr. Collins stated that BH Construction would remove the doors for \$75.00 each, labor only. Mr. Smith advised that suggested that Mr. Hall, owner of BH Construction, do a better job on the doors than he did on removing the one at town hall. Mr. Collins also advised that Mr. Hall could get metal doors for almost wholesale when the town is ready to buy them. Mr. Smith advised that the town can purchase doors and frames for wholesale also.

After reviewing bills, Mr. Mosteller made motion to transfer funds necessary and pay bills, Mr. Collins second, carried.

Mr. Mosteller reported to council that Ralph Nelson, member of Eva Lions Club, got titles of two books at Wheeler Basin Regional Library on lists of grants available for libraries. It gives information on writing grants for financial assistance from foundations that grants money to libraries and medical offices in towns that do not have funds available. Mr. Nelson gave the information to him because members of the library board has asked Eva Lions Club for financial assistance for expansion. These books also has information concerning grants to furnish playground equipment in parks. He also advised that Eva Activities has asked the Eva Lions Club for assistance in building a tennis/basketball court. Mr. Nelson advised Mr. Mosteller that this request for grant money would have to be on Town of Eva letterhead.

Mr. Smith stated that he would discuss this with Mr. Nelson since information is given concerning grants for medical offices.

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

Approved

12/9/97

Attest:

Eva Town Clerk