

Minutes of regular meeting of Eva Town Council held on 8 October 2024 at 6:30 PM at Eva Town Hall. Present: Mayor Gary Livingston, Council Members: Martin Nelson, Kent Chambers Edsel Childers, Johnny Persall and Wes Stephens, absent, Clerk Kathy Taylor and Assistant Clerk Kimberly Cryer.

Guests: Nolan West, Joyce Woodall, Joe Hill, Terri Hightower, Josh Livingston, Steve Brown, and Paula Brown.

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 approve minutes of September 10, 2024, Regular Council Meeting. Mr. Persall so motioned; Mr. Nelson seconded; All ayes-motion carried.

A. FINANCE, EDUCATION & LIBRARY- MR. CHAMBERS

- Stated he delivered donation checks to Eva and A.P. Brewer and they were very appreciative.
- Asked Joyce Woodall for a Library update. She stated the library will not get LSTA Grant and may need Town help with book purchase. Mr. Chambers asked for an estimated cost and Council will consider assisting.

B. UTILITIES & STREETS – MR. CHILDERS

- Said that sidewalk repairs are needed before chilly weather.
- Stated that Highway 55 was partially paved and hoping County finishes next year.
- Asked Mayor to check status of Rebuild Alabama Grant.

C. PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERIES – MR. PERSALL

- Mentioned the RC&D Park Camera grant for playground, shop, and Veterans Park video cameras. Mayor will follow up with Rex Free.
- Said graffiti on the playground equipment was cleaned and he wants to encourage people to notify the Town instead of posting issues on Facebook.
- Stated that park fencing repairs are going well and should be done soon.
- Asked the status of ballfield light replacements and Mayor stated he would follow up.
- Requested to pay Jerrel Patton for the bush hog diesel fuel that he used for the Town and Mayor said he offered repayment, but Mr. Patton did not want it.

D. POLICE, FIRE & GRANTS – MR. STEPHENS

- Mayor reported that the helipad project started.
- Josh Livingston said the Fire Department received two bids for Helipad project - Ricky Frost and Brad Turrentine and they chose Brad Turrentine.

E. SANITATION & BUILDINGS- MR. NELSON

- Stated that he, Mr. Persall, and the Clerk met with Edward Jones about IRA employees' benefit and wants Clerks to check employee interest. Afterward, Town will set up an information session with employees.
- Wants to meet with Mr. Chambers and Steve Strickland, Town auditor, to discuss audit processes. Mr. Chambers said any Wednesday afternoon works for him. Clerks will set up an appointment with Mr. Strickland.

- Mentioned Alabama 811 Sewer Plant workers meeting at Greenbrier on October 22 at 11pm.

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 the medical clinic needs a sink installed when patients are not in the office. Mayor will schedule a date with Eva Family Health for the installation.
- Mentioned that the American Disability Act (ADA) Plan paperwork for the Federal government needs to be done and Chuck Chitwood of Canyon Engineering quoted Town a price of \$7500 for the process. Mayor requested a motion to allow Mr. Chitwood to do the ADA paperwork. Mr. Nelson so motioned, Mr. Childers seconded; All Ayes-motion carried. Mayor will contact Mr. Chitwood.
- Mayor asked that council review the recommended Recreation Board, Library Board and Eva Industrial Board members and request any changes. No changes were suggested. Mayor requested a motion to approve the board members lists. Mr. Chambers so motioned. Mr. Persall seconded; All Ayes-motion carried.
- Asked who owns the cemetery flower wagon. Jerrel Patton wants to trade for it since it's an antique. After discussion, it was decided Town owned it and will keep it.
- Shared that new office computers will be installed on October 10.
- Stated that Clerk talked to the responsible person about the Methodist church purchase. The church committee will meet to pass a Resolution on October 8 allowing Town to move forward with the purchase process.
- Said Mr. Persall wanted to address all about an unsigned letter being delivered to some in the community regarding his Council membership residency requirements. He said all the properties he owns are within the town limits and he pays taxes on those properties. His driver's license shows his address as within the town limits and one of the properties that his companion owns is within the town limits and one is not. Since all three properties are furnished, they spend time at each property. He said he does not plan to run for re-election and would resign without hard feelings if his residency situation is unethical or illegal. Mayor stated he will check with Town attorney, Larry Madison to verify the law regarding Mr. Persall's situation specifically.
- Stated that he will follow up with the North Alabama Mayor's bank account to see what area mayors want to do about changing account responsibilities.

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