

Minutes of regular meeting of Eva Town Council held on 14 November 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, Clerk Kathy Taylor and Assistant Clerk Kimberly Cryer.

Guests: Larry Smith, Jason Holmes, Charles Stephens, Julie Mooney 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 Livingston requested a motion to approve minutes of 2 October 2023, Regular Council Meeting and the Special Meeting held on 17 October 2023 without changes. Mr. Persall so motioned; Mr. Childers seconded; All ayes-motion carried.

A. FINANCE, EDUCATION & LIBRARY– MR. CHAMBERS

- Mayor Livingston wanted discussion about paying Pam Morgan until Thanksgiving while she is caring for a sick parent. After discussion, Council agreed to continue salary only through Thanksgiving.
- Wants Council to look over the employee handbook and suggest any corrections. Changes will be discussed at next council meeting.
- Wants to update the voters list before election in 2025 and wants to see how we can amend the list if changes are needed. Kim will call to get information.
- Questioned the Miscellaneous Expense budget line-item amount and asked clerks to verify.
- Recognized Joyce Woodall and Julie Mooney who shared that lights are needed for dark areas of Tinsel Trail, and they will check on light rental costs. Also stated Christmas on Eva Mountain will be asking Mikey Caudle to order tarps for the covered children's areas.

B. UTILITIES & STREETS – MR. CHILDERS

- Mayor requested to let the paving company know that the Shorty Ryan parking lot should be done before Christmas on Eva Mountain tree lighting or wait until after January.
- Frost Road is being paved by County.

C. PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERIES – MR. PERSALL

- Wants the town property by the cemetery maintained. Suggestions were that Kenneth Golden or Shannon Brown could help.
- Mayor asked status of winter grass sowing. Kim stated will be completed by weekend.

D. POLICE, FIRE & GRANTS – MR. FOWLER

- Stated Mayor signed agreement for \$73,740.00 for annual police protection.
- Noopi Cosby requested \$20,000.00 from Scott Stadthagen for the helipad project. The town needs to complete the grant application.
- Requested Jason Holmes to get helipad project help from Don Stisher. Mr. Fowler expects total project will be around \$40,000-\$50,000.

E. SANITATION & BUILDINGS – MR. NELSON

- Opened discussion of State Retirement for town employees.. Mr. Persall requested that more discussion should be in an executive session after conducting the town's business.

- Said that the Industrial Park sewer project has been started. Mayor Livingston shared that Faye Cobbs will be using a septic tank for Capital Wholesale Florist new building. Mayor also mentioned some points of the new sewer ordinance and what it would mean for new construction.

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

Presented 23-05-AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.05-01 OF THE TOWN OF EVA ALABAMA, WITH THE RESPECT TO THE SANITARY SEWAGE SYSTEM OF SAID TOWN, BY MAKING PROVISIONS FOR CONNECTING TO SEWER FROM 500 FEET TO 0 FEET.

Council Member Nelson moved that all rules governing the council which might unless suspended, prevent the passage and adoption of the Ordinance at this meeting, be and the same are hereby suspended for the purpose of permitting the said Ordinance 23-05 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 Ordinance 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 Ordinance 23-05 be finally passed and adopted as introduced.

That Councilmember Chambers seconded this motion.

That the presiding officer put the question of final passage and the adoption of said Ordinance 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 Ordinance 23-05 finally passed and adopted.

I. NEW BUSINESS - Mayor Livingston

- Requested a motion to purchase air conditioner at the best quality and price for the Medical Building addition. Mr. Nelson so motioned. Mr. Chambers seconded; All Ayes-motion carried. Mayor will ask for quotes.
- Stated Joe Hill will be working with Canyon Engineering on Industrial project this week.
- Said Town Christmas tree has been planted.
- Shared that the Safety meeting will be December 11, @ 6:30 pm with Luke Privett as the speaker.
- Mentioned the annual audit is set for November 15, so the GED classes move to the library.
- Confirmed to Larry Smith that flags will be on the light poles this coming year and snowflakes will go up after Thanksgiving.

Mr. Chambers motioned that they go into executive meeting Mr. Persall seconded, All ayes. Council went into executive meeting at 7:12 pm. Came out of executive meeting 8:10 pm.

After exiting executive meeting, Mayor requested a motion for the town to offer RSA benefits to its full-time employees. Mr. Nelson so motioned Mr. Childers seconded; on roll call the results were as follows:

Mayor Livingston	Yes	Council Member Childers	Yes
Council Member Persall	No	Council Member Chambers	No
Council Member Nelson	Yes	Council Member Fowler	No

The presiding officer announced the result of the vote and declared it a tie. Motion did not pass.

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

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk