

Minutes of the Meeting of the Eva Town Council held in regular session on Nov. 12, 1981, at 7 p.m. with the Mayor and all five councilmen being present. Visitors to the meeting were Jack Morgan, Lelus Frost, John Smith and Emern Holmes, Jr.

Minutes of the Sept. 10 and Oct. 8 meetings were read and approved. Financial report giving end-of-October balances was accepted as presented, showing:

General Fund Checking Account	\$ 4,183.90
General Fund Passbook Savings	33.30
General Fund Certificates of Deposit	40,000.00
General Fund Short-term investment (89#day)	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total General Fund	\$48,217.20
Gasoline Tax Fund	87.82
Revenue Sharing Fund	1,432.76
Volunteer Fire Department	2,306.17
Hazard Savings Account	8,900.00
Hazard Checking Account	150.51

Mayor Ryan recognized the visitors and expressed appreciation for their interest. He called on Jack Morgan to express his items of interest, which were:

- (1) The Eva Cemetery, (2) support for Lelus Frost's Family Game Business, and
- (3) express his appreciation for what the Town of Eva is doing for the community.

With respect to the cemetery, he said that they are getting names and dates on all the tombstones and this record will be placed at the Cullman Library. They will keep the information current. He expressed appreciation for the improvement made by the city and the county on widening the entrance to the cemetery (permission granted by Jewell and Kermit Morris), and for the parking lot of the Eva United Methodist Church. There are some more improvements to be made, such as sealing one tombstone, and moving some to line up the graves. Families involved are the Vogels and Macie Holmes Beck and they desire to have the tombstones lined up as needed. Another improvement for the future would involve extra dirt (there is some at the back of the cemetery that could be moved), and possibly draining the pond. The Lindler family (Cobb and Livingston) would have to be contacted for approval before this is done. It was recommended to hold off on this for a while. Motion was offered by Mr. Mobley, seconded by Mr. Nichols, to go ahead with the re-sealing of the tombstone and lining up of those required, and to send the bill to the Town of Eva for costs incurred. Motion carried. Mr. Morgan further stated that they had spent \$540 on the upkeep of the cemetery this year, and that they had \$36 left in their fund. He said that any help the Town of Eva could give would be appreciated. Before leaving, he commended the Eva Fire Dept. for the way they handled the recent fire at the Eva 66 store and service station.

Lelus Frost was recognized next, and he expressed his concern about talk in the Town of Eva on the opening of the Eva Fun and Games business next door to the barber shop. He said that it had been referred to as a pool hall, and he wanted to explain that the small pool table that it will have is not a regulation size table; that they will also have a foos ball machine and some pin ball machines. He said that if there were serious objections he did not want to have the pool table. He said that he had checked the state and county law on this and what he will have is not illegal. Mr. Livingston offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Mobley to give him permission to go ahead and open his business. Motion

John Smith, supported by Emern Holmes, Jr., presented to the Council a listing of equipment needed by the Volunteer Fire Department to put it in good shape. This consisted of new fire hose, nozzles, another back pack, coats and gloves, a chalk board for outside of the building, and other items totaling approximately \$3800. He presented the list and estimated costs. Motion was offered by Mr. Mobley, seconded by Mr. Nichols, to authorize the purchase of the equipment as presented. Motion carried. carried

Mr. Smith said also that there needs to be a light out in front of the Volunteer Fire Department, and that one of the fire hydrants (the one south of the intersection between the upholstery shop and Mr. Adams' house) needs repair. The Clerk will call Apel's to come out and do this repair on the hydrant.

Old Business:

- (1) Mr. Mobley stated that Mr. Jones has not completed the bids on the Intercom System but will have them by the next meeting.
- (2) The Mayor stated that the County will not do the paving of the parking lot until they have a letter from the City. The Clerk was asked to write a letter to Joe Summerford telling him that the Council voted in July to have the County do that paving, and that they would pay for the asphalt needed to do this. Send a copy to Waddell & Woodruff.
- (3) The Roof at the Senior Citizens Center has been put on as reported by Mr. Hipps. The Clerk mentioned that the Site Council said there needs to be some insulation. He knew what they were talking about. This will be discussed later.
- (4) The Clerk was reminded that the Council had approved purchase of carpet for the office and conference room. She inquired about putting it all over the conference room. The Mayor said to go ahead and do that; that we would put down some planks or something to move the voting machines in on so that they wouldn't damage the carpet.
- (5) The Council passed Ordinance 81-1 adopting the Fire Prevention Code prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life. A copy will be attached to these minutes, a copy in the Ordinance file, and 3 copies posted in prominent places in the Town of Eva.

New Business:

- (1) Sidewalk is needed from downtown Eva to the school where the children will have a place to walk to and from school, to alleviate a hazardous condition that now exists.
- (2) Town of Eva needs to provide some work to prevent the water from running across the street and across Mr. Morgan's drive way.
- (3) Council voted to appropriate the 1982 Revenue Sharing funds for roads and street repairs.
- (4) The Council adopted the budget as presented. Motion offered by Mr. Mobley, seconded by Mr. Livingston; motion carried. Copy attached to the minutes, amount \$36,536.48.
- (5) Mr. Mobley expressed interest in the Town acquiring some property that can be developed into some recreation areas. Some members of the Council agreed to go look at some property that would be auctioned off on November 21.
- (6) The Mayor read a letter of appreciation from Eloise Oden thanking Town of Eva for the work done at the Eva United Methodist Church. He then read a newspaper article about the possibility of Morgan County Commission buying the Eva Water System, which would be of some benefit. He said that someone needs to talk to the County about this, and the area near Mr. Mobley's on which some "engineering" needs to be done.
- (7) The Mayor said that two or three people have asked him why the Town of Eva can't get a bank. The Council expressed interest in getting a branch bank here. The Clerk will check with Steve Cooley on the first step to be taken on this.
- (8) The Mayor told about the CETA worker, paid by the State, who is working around the building here. The Council said that it would be good to get some latex paint and have him paint the outside woodwork and also to clean around the fire hydrants.
- (9) Bills presented for payment were: From the General Fund, water bill \$6.76, phone bill \$36.73; electric bill \$14.66; gas for senior citizens \$61.97; Jack Hopper for supplies \$11.16; clerk's salary for Oct. \$126.28; From Gas Tax Fund, street light bill \$122.98; from Volunteer Fire Dept. Fund, Eva Texaco for gas \$12.00; Worth-Ratliff for supplies \$32.75; and a small bill at Eva Four-Way \$1.05 for Spic N Span. Mr. Hipps offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Mobley to pay said bills. Motion carried.