

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Eva Town Council held on May 12, 1998, at 6:30 PM in the Eva Town Hall. Present: Mayor Livingston, C. C. Mosteller, James Fowler, Clarence Alexander, and late arrivals due to conditions beyond control, Larry Smith and Bert Collins. Guest present: James Campbell, Dave Breen, and Steven Henderson.

After roll call, Mr. Mosteller opened with prayer. Motion to approve minutes of April 14, by Mr. Alexander, second by Mr. Fowler, carried. Motion to approve minutes of April 21 by Mr. Fowler, second by Mr. Alexander, carried.

Mayor then asked each guest if they wish to speak and each advised they were there to monitor the meeting only.

FINANCE & EDUCATION - MR. MOSTELLER

Mr. Mosteller advised that Mr. Lynn Gibbs, President, Friends of Eva Public Library, asked him what building did council decide that Friends of Eva Library could raise funds to expand the library. Since council had discussed the possibility of renovating the old town hall for the library instead of an addition to the present library. Mr. Smith advised that he and Curtis Kirsch, Architect, did review the old town hall and it was not cost feasible to renovate therefore the present library would be feasible. Mr. Mosteller stated that he would tell Mr. Gibbs.

After discussing the proposed medical building, Mr. Mr. Mosteller made motion for Mayor Livingston to enter an agreement with Curtis Kirsch, Architect, to proceed with plans, second by Mr. Fowler, carried.

Mayor advised that certificate of deposit for the general fund of \$25,000 would mature on May 16, 1998 and also a certificate of deposit for volunteer fire department of \$6,120.25 (133 days deposit time only) matured on April 23, 1998. Since the EvaBank does not offer a number of days the C.D. for the fire department would need to be set up again for short term since they could need it for expenses. Mr. Mosteller advised that Mr. Dewayne Morris, President/Chairman of Board for Eva Bank, advised that he would like to meet with Mayor concerning short term certificates of deposit. Mr. Mosteller then made motion for Mayor to seek the best rate and financial institution to re-invest the general fund C.D. of \$25,000 for one year, second by Mr. Collins, carried.

UTILITIES - MR. ALEXANDER

Mr. Alexander advised that the street light at Bobby's Restaurant driveway has been repaired with a larger watt bulb. The ditch next to the driveway is now very clear.

Mayor then advised that a sewer system like the one council has discussed is located in south Alabama and also in Benton, Tennessee. It would necessary for several to look at the system operation and also asked for approval to make this trip. After discussion, Mr. Alexander made motion for town to pay necessary mileage expense for Mayor/council members to look at the sewer system in operation, Mr. Smith second, carried.

STREETS, PARKS, CEMETERIES - MR. FOWLER

Mr. Fowler advised that the tractor and tractor tire is now repaired. The road banks have been mowed and new stripping has been done on Armstrong Rd., O.Z. Davis Rd..., and Fowler Rd... Which all work looks very good. Mayor advised that Commissioner Don Stisher advised that gravel will be delivered to the park in the very near future. Mr. Fowler advised again that highway 55 is in dire need of repairs and it needs to be discussed with Morgan County Road Dept. Mayor advised he will stop at the county department and discuss with Mr. Stisher.

POLICE & FIRE - MR. SMITH

Mr. Smith advised that the sheriff's department sub-station is running very well by the volunteers. He introduced Mr. Dave Breen as one of the volunteers. Mr. Breen added that the new landscaping looks very pretty however the office needs to be sprayed for spiders since there are many inside the building. Mr. Smith added that more volunteers are needed to keep the sub-station open since they are open every day.

Mr. Smith advised that the fire department has some long range planning and then asked Mayor if he has received any information on the warning system. Mayor advised that he has not received anything. Mr. Mosteller then added that an article in Decatur Daily stated that Morgan County received \$30,000 toward warning systems.

RECREATION & SANITATION - MR. COLLINS

Mr. Collins advised that he has not contacted Mr. Chaffin concerning the possible car lot where the tire shop burned however he did discuss it with Tiny Shaddix. Mr. Shaddix advised that he was interested in the lot when it is cleaned up.

Mr. Collins added that Representative Tom Drake never returned his calls so he talked with Senator Don Hale concerning funds for the recreation park lights over the tennis/basketball courts. Mr. Collins will try to set up a meeting with Mr. Hale on this matter and advise.

NO REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HEARINGS ON PETITIONS, APPLCS., COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, COMMUC. ETC.

Mayor advised that a Public Hearing on ADECA loan application for the Johnson Emu Processing Plant is set for Tuesday, May 26, 1998, at 6:00 PM at the Nutrition Site.

AUDITING ACCOUNTS

After reviewing the bills, Mr. Collins made motion to transfer \$200.00 from General Fund to gasoline Tax \$.07 fund to pay bills, Mr. Fowler second, carried. Mr. Alexander made motion to pay bills, Mr. Smith second, carried.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS & OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor advised that Meadowbrook Insurance carrier for the town's liability has offered a 6% discount if the town will accept a three year policy with 2% discount per year instead of the present yearly policy. This will not change the policy benefits but will enable the insurance company to then offer a five percent dividend at the policy renewal this year. Mayor also advised that the town could still terminate the insurance at any time.

Next, the Mayor advised that property coverage needed to be reviewed and returned to the insurance company as soon as possible in order to issue a new policy for the 1998/99 year. After reviewing coverage it was suggested to raise coverage on old town hall to \$75,000, concession stand to \$30,000 and contents of stand to \$3,000, computer \$1,000 and equipment \$1,000. All other amounts should remain at amounts listed. Mr. Fowler made motion to raise the insurance coverage as discussed and change to a three year policy for a 6% discount, Mr. Collins second, carried.

Mayor then stated that the insurance representative advised council to obtain a lease agreement from Dr. Jim Turner, dentist, stating that the town would not be liable for any accidents while his patients were at the office. After discussion, Mayor will have Larry Madison, attorney to draw up this agreement.

Mayor stated that he understands there are concerns about Daniels Chapel Road being widen down to Johnson Emu Plant. He advised Mr. Campbell, property adjoins Emu plant, that the project of widening this road has not been discussed by Eva Town Council. He did discuss it with Morgan County Commissioner Don Stisher and he has already viewed the project. Mr. Stisher advised that if and when the road was widen it would be on the East side at approximately 6 to 7 feet. He then added that it would not be a state project.

Mr. Fowler then suggested that all graveled roads within the town limits that has three to four houses on it should be town property and not a 60 feet right-of-way. Mayor suggested that Mr. Fowler meet with council members on the road committee and discuss this project for the new year budget.

Mr. Henderson, resident, advised that the ditch is filled up on Lindler Road which keeps the water from flowing and the water is running into his stormpit. Mayor will discuss this also with Mr. Stisher when discussing the other problems.

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

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Attest:

Eva Town Clerk