

Minutes of the called meeting of the Eva Town Council held on Thursday, May 29, 1997, at 3:30 P.M. Present: Mayor Livingston, C. C. Mosteller, James Fowler, Clarence Alexander, Larry Smith, and Bert Collins. Guest present: Eloise Livingston and Jamie Wallace, members of Eva Medical Clinic Board.

Mayor ask that Mrs. Livingston speak first. Mrs. Livingston advised that the medical board met with Dr. Wayne Weathers, has family practice, and he wish to set up practice in the present medical office in Eva. He does not want to work under a management team and he will need free rent until he gets practice established. Dr. Peinhardt, MD of Cullman has called and recommended Dr. Weathers, in addition, he advised Mrs. Livingston that Cullman Regional Hospital would work with him. She advised that the medical board feels like this is a very good idea, therefore, they recommend that the town draw up a contract indicating that town or medical board is not liable. She added that Dr. Weathers does not want to be responsible for any repairs on the office. He will furnish a receptionist, a nurse, and necessary equipment. He will use the Cullman Regional hospital for patients. Mayor ask if a background check has been done on Dr. Weathers. Mrs. Livingston again stated that Dr. Peinhardt has recommended him but a background check has not been done.

Mr. Wallace advised that this agreement would be a plus for the town since the doctor is willing to practice in Eva. The cost is minimal to the town and the next step would be to build the new medical facility. Mr. Wallace also advised that he believed that Dr. Weathers would refer patients to Cullman hospital unless they wish to use another hospital since he is very eager to get in practice. Mayor advised Mr. Wallace that he hoped that the new facility could be completed in the very near future. Council has discussed constructing the building in the location of the present office but if it is leased to Dr. Weathers other plans could be made.

After discussion concerning repairs, Mr. Alexander advised Mrs. Livingston that after initial repairs are made to the office and the shrubbery cleaned out, then Dr. Weathers would have to maintain all utilities, including telephone bills, and maintain the shrubbery. He also ask if Dr. Weathers would be using the x-ray machine in the office, if so it would have to be checked out and re-certified before use. Mayor advised that he would find out an estimate for service to the x-ray machine. He also advised that Dr. Weathers would have to purchased insurance for the contents since the town already has the building covered.

Mr. Smith advised that he and Mr. Fowler has looked at the building and believed that approximately \$1,000.00 would repair the exterior and he recommended that the office be repaired, the shrubbery cleaned out, and pursue leasing the building to Dr. Weathers. Clerk advised that leasing must be through the Eva Medical Board. Mayor advised that he would contact an attorney as to the legal requirements before a lease contract is prepared. He also advised that lease amount would be minimal but not free for one year and negotiated at that time. When the new building is complete, it also would be negotiated but probably pay the same lease amount of Dr. Turner. Mrs. Livingston stated that she would present to Dr. Weathers what council has requested and get back with Mayor concerning a lease agreement. Mayor thanked Mrs. Livingston and Mr. Wallace for their work in the medical board and reporting to the council.

Mr. Smith then advised council that the representative from ADECA was not meeting with council today. Sheriff Crabbe and Tom Little met with Mr. Smith earlier that day concerning placing a drug task force officer in the area several days a week. This officer would be working from the Eva Sub-station. They also advised that this endeavor would be no cost or obligation to Town of Eva because it would be handled by a grant through ADECA by the Sheriff's Department. The Morgan Sheriff's Department needs a commitment from Town of Eva in order to get state grant funds. After discussion, Mr. Smith made motion that Town of Eva commit to being part of this drug task force, Mr. Collins second, carried.

Mayor advised that Mr. Jean Deese left a plat of his sub-division at town hall last week for the council to sign and advising that Probate Judge Day requests that council sign it or an engineer. Mr. Alexander asked what the council is signing since the plat does not indicate by statement what they are signing. Mr. Mosteller also asked why council is signing since William Shinn, Morgan County Attorney has advised that the town council or an engineer does not have to sign since Eva does not have a population of 10,000 or more residents. After lengthy discussion concerning this matter, Mayor advised he would go to the probate office next day and discuss this with Judge Day.

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

Approved

6/10/97

Attest:

Eva Town Clerk