

Minutes of Meeting of Eva Town Council held in regular session May 14, 1987, 7 p.m., attended by: Mayor Ryan and all 5 members of the council. Minutes of the April 9 meeting were read and approved.

Mayor recognized a group of visitors from Eva Methodist Church Cemetery Committee, with head spokesman Jack Morgan, who informed the Council of a recent problem involving the removal of some bushes from the cemetery by Kermit Morris of Eva Nurseries, who was also present at the meeting. Mr. Morris related to the Council his understanding of the matter, and his actions to try to make restitution to the Lindler family involved. They had come to an impasse. Mr. Fowler then told of his involvement and what knowledge he had of the situation. Mayor Ryan recommended that the matter be settled in an executive session of the Council's Committee over streets, parks & cemeteries, chaired by Alton Page, with members Ray Morgan and Charles Nichols, together with the Church Cemetery Committee. He instructed Mr. Page to call a meeting of the members of both committees and settle this in executive session outside the confines of the Council meeting.

Mr. Morris then told the Council that he would like to be annexed into the corporate limits. Mayor told him that to do this we would need unanimous consent of all the property owners out that way. Mr. Morris will contact them to see if there are any objections.

Mayor then recognized Ronnie Ryan who was representing the First Bank of Eva, and stated that the Bank wants to be involved in and a supporter of the Town of Eva. Some suggestions for involvement would be:

- a-Cleaning up the Town; with Bank perhaps renting a dumpster and getting the word out to residents that such and such a day or week would be Clean Up Week. Another way would be to involve the County Truck and use Kermit's front-end loader.
- b-Putting up "Welcome to Eva" signs particularly on the 2 main highways. He believes the bank would be willing to have the signs made and painted.
- c-Cleaning up the right-of-ways; having property owners clean up their premises.

Mayor suggested that perhaps we could work with the Bank on the "Yard of the Month" award and at Christmas the "Best Decorations." Ronnie said that they would like for us to draw up some plans or make some concrete suggestions to the Bank to follow up on this.

Old Business:

- 1-M-P Center. Ezra caulked around the South door to try to stop the water problem. Shelby Contracting Co. is going to pave the parking lot. Mr. Summerford said that he has set aside \$3,000 to help out on this and the Council voted to pay the difference for the paving. Shelby bid to do it for the cost of the material plus \$2 a ton for a 1½" thick paving in front, and 2" where the truck goes around to the back. Mr. Summerford is having the County do the grading and leveling in preparation for this.
- 2-Bank will have a stockholders' meeting on May 28 and we need to get the extra chairs. Council had voted to purchase 200 chairs for the Center. Mayor said to go ahead and get these chairs before the stockholders' meeting.
- 3-On stop signs, Mayor said the only thing he knew to do was to ask Mr. Summerford if they would put up new signs and let us reimburse the County for them. Mr. Nichols offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Hipps to do this. Carried.
- 4-Street lights have all been fixed.
- 5-We are unable to get a letter of commitment from the National Guard because they have taken all their equipment to South America where they are building roads. Mr. Summerford said that if we would rent the equipment needed to do the work, he would put an operator on it.

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- 6-Mayor talked with Mr. Williams at Williams Surveying and he said that there is no problem on the abstract and deed for the property to be sold to Chaffins. He said to have Chaffin's finance people call him and he will settle the issue so this can be finalized.
- 7-Speaker system was installed at the Center.

New Business:

- 1-Talked about the need to pour a cement slab in front of the fire hall where the big truck goes in and out, instead of trying to patch it.
 - 2-Mayor reported that Invitations to Bid on fire hydrants were sent out to 5 prospective bidders and that bid opening is scheduled for May 28, 1:30 p.m. He had a call from Mr. Apel as to whether the bidder would be required to post a performance bond, and told him that this would not be required; that we would inspect the job when it is finished and pay upon satisfactory completion of the project and inspection.
 - 3-Mayor announced ISO's letter says they will be here to do the Fire Department survey sometime in June or July. Mayor said that he would help Fire Chief flush all the hydrants before the survey if he wanted him to.
 - 4-Mayor showed the Council the plaque received from the Mental Health in appreciation of the Council's continued financial support.
 - 5-Mayor plans to attend the May 21 Breakfast-in-the-Park sponsored by Hartselle Chamber of Commerce, and may attend the Morgan County Industrial Development meeting on May 20.
 - 6-Discussed letter from Canada asking for the exchange of Lapel Pins. Talked about getting some type of lapel pins representing Town of Eva. Clerk will try to find sources.
- In other actions, the Council voted to:
- 1-Have Ezra paint the front of the Library while he is doing the other work. (M:Morgan; S:Page)
 - 2-Have a load of fine gravel put on the east lower corner of the Clinic Parking Lot; get the shrubbery cleaned up and replace slabs as required. Clerk will check with Jr. Holmes about hauling and spreading the gravel, and with Kermit Morris about cleaning out around the shrubbery and replacing slabs as required.
 - 3-Hire Tim Newman to spray chemical around culverts, fire hydrants and stop signs to kill the grass and weeds.
 - 4-Spend the remainder of the Hazard funds to repair damage to the road caused by the Gasoline Leak problem. Main area is near the Post Office. (M:Page; S:Livingston; carried)
 - 5-Pave the parking lot at the Library whenever Mr. Summerford gets the culvert put in front. (M:Nichols; S:Hipps; carried)
 - 6-Take bids on hay at the property around the Center. Bid good for 2 cuttings. Clerk will post signs around asking for bids; she, Mr. Hipps and Mr. Livingston will be in charge of opening the bids on May 25.
 - 7-Pay the bills as presented, and transfer funds as required. Bills presented were:
From General Fund. Deputy salary-May-\$1,000; Ruth's salary & benefits \$406.62; Clerk's salary-April-\$299.84; Interest on loan aprx \$120; Water bills Town Hall, M-PC and Library \$32.44; Phone bill \$93.69; Speaker system \$558.50; installation of system \$150; Fluorescent bulb for office \$7.31; office supplies and annexation map \$15.70; Electric bills (approximates) Town Hall \$75; Library \$45; M-PC \$150. From Volunteer Fire Dept. Fund: Repairs to 3 radios \$56.50; 2 Scot Air Paks (approved in budget) \$1348; Gas for Truck #127-\$9.00. From Gasoline tax fund: Street lights (apr x) \$145. (M:Page; S:Nichols; carried)

There being no further business, Mr. Nichols offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Livingston to adjourn.

Bonnie Holmes, Eva Town Clerk

Approved: 6-11-87