

Minutes of Meeting of Eva Town Council held in regular session on May 9, 1985, 7 PM, attended by Mayor Ryan and all 5 members of the Council. Visitors present were Mr. Kerry Dixon, President of Watkins Engineering Consultants, Inc., and Eva Athletic Association officers Charles Holmes, Edsel Childers and David Holmes.

Council voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes and other business until after the visitors had been heard. Mayor first called on Mr. Dixon who had been invited to meet with the Council to give his ideas on what possibilities were open to take care of the sewage problem in Town of Eva. Mr. Dixon said that he was aware of the terrain here since he worked with the Cullman Co. Water Dept. on the supplemental <sup>water</sup> system for Oden Ridge. He gave the following steps to be taken in getting a conventional sewer system in Eva:

- 1-Define coverage; the area to be served with sewer lines.
- 2-Locate potential customers and identify what they are. In other words, determine what kind of flow would be coming out of these places. For instance, if a restaurant, the flow would be much larger.
- 3-Make a map of where they are located.
- 4-Request from the Alabama Dept. of Environmental Management a study of various points of discharge. They would make a study and make a model of your creeks. Eva is sitting on top of a Divide and there are 4 creeks branching off. ADEM's fee for this usually runs around \$500 to \$750.
- 5-Preliminary Engineering Report. Engineering firm would come into Town and determine what future developments would be necessary and give a report to the Town.
- 6-Find money for the project through grants, etc. Package for a conventional system could run anywhere from \$150,000 to \$500,000, but for Eva probably in the \$350,000 range. Another possibility would be the Grimer Pump Pressurized System which would cost 1/2 to 1/3 of the conventional sewer system. A pressurized system would not be required in Eva because of the terrain. It also has disadvantages when it comes to problems with the system. Mr. Dixon recommends Town Council first get support of Morgan County Commission (Mr. Waddell & Mr. Summerford). Work on grant monies could be done through NARCOG Grants Coordinator Gail Pressnell. One possibility would be a CDBG grant through HUD. No possibility for this year, but they will begin accepting proposals in Sept. or Oct. this year with cutoff date being in Feb. for next year's grants. Need to start working on it now to get application ready in plenty of time for next year's consideration.

Mayor got Mr. Dixon's confirmation of his understanding that if Watkins Engineering were asked to do the package, they would come up with the engineering report for Town, and this fee would be included with their charges for the finished product. He then told Mr. Dixon that the matter would be discussed in the Council, then with Morgan County Commission; then we would let him know something. Mr. Dixon then left the meeting.

Next Mayor called on Eva Athletic Association to discuss status of plans for the Recreational Park. Nothing more has been done. Mayor asked the Ass'n to go see Norris Turney at NARCOG and get NARCOG to work with them on planned layout for the park. Things to be included are 3 ball fields, 2 tennis courts, swimming pool, picnic area, senior citizens center, etc. We will need to start looking for more money and Ass'n was asked to identify what all this will cost. We need a breakdown of estimated costs, such as so much for engineering, for excavation, fill, senior citizens building (\$125,000), picnic area, ball fields, lights, tennis courts, etc. Show all costs even though we have some things such as the lights the Athletic Ass'n has already bought, and some money committed already on the Senior Citizens Center. Charles Holmes said they would go see NARCOG as soon as possible and get something going on this. Edsel asked about storing some of the boxes of light fixtures they have bought in the back of the Fire Hall. Mayor said he'd have to see Junior Holmes, the Fire Chief, as to whether they could do this.

Charles Holmes, speaking on behalf of the Administrative Board of Eva UMC, asked whether the Council would help in getting a water line, meter and hydrant installed for the Eva Cemetery. He said that Kermit will put some shrubbery, flowers and grass at the cemetery, but he said he needed some water out there to keep it watered. The Mayor said that the City would help on this.

David Holmes asked if the City had anyone in mind to cut the grass on the recreational area property for hay. Mayor told him this would be discussed and let him know.

Visitors then left the meeting. Minutes of the April 18 meeting were read and approved. A financial report was presented, with the following balances given:

General Fund	\$ 661.98
Money Market Account	52,956.17
Gasoline Tax Fund	80.83
Volunteer Fire Dept.	1,804.25
Revenue Sharing Acct.	2,264.24
Hazard Checking Acct.	11.92
Hazard Savings Acct.	3,553.17

Old Business:

- 1-The Library Grant was not officially approved, but Tom Drake said that the State would come up with \$12,500 for us and that we could go ahead with plans to build the \$25,000 Library. Some discussion ensued concerning the type building, filling in to be done, etc.
- 2-Abraham Hudgins wants to tear down the old building on the corner at the 4-way stop, and will clean everything up and haul it off. Some of the Council Members were asked to see him to get a \$50 deposit on the building which would be returned to him as soon as he had the place cleared off; and that this should be within 30 days total.
- 3-Mitchell Higgs mentioned that he and 8 or 10 others around where he lives is still having a problem with low water pressure. Mayor said we need to do something about this.
- 4-The Clerk got the other set of deeds signed by Valley Oil previous owners; the deed has been recorded.

New Business:

- 1-It was mentioned that Eva Post Office may be closed later on. Council discussed ways we might help to keep this from happening. The final decision will not be made, however, until Congress votes on it. Members of the Council who have an opportunity to see any of the Congressmen or Senators, should speak to them about this and ask how we might keep the Post Office in Eva. One thought would be to add a Route 2, Eva. It was decided we should draft a letter to send to Senators Heflin and Denton and to Congressman Flippo and getting people to sign these and send them in. We could put these draft letters out at stores and places of business, and in churches. Mayor said he would see Ronnie Flippo at a meeting soon and would discuss it with him. The Grace Commission is the organization that has proposed the closing of 12,300 post offices, and Eva is one of those in the proposal to be closed.
- 2-Council voted on the sale of the hay on the city property north of Eva. Motion was made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Mr. Higgs to get \$5 for round bales and 25¢ for small bales. It was mentioned that Howard Patton had already asked about cutting the hay. Council members will discuss this with interested persons to go ahead and have the hay cut.
- 3-Mayor reminded Council Members to be at the Eva School next Monday at 12 noon for the meeting and photo session with Tom Drake, Wes Thompson and others concerning the \$25,000 donated on computers by Eva and the State. Mayor will be out of Town but Mr. Nichols will represent him at the meeting.
- 4-All Council Members with spouses are invited to be at the Senior Citizens Center on Thursday for the semi-annual barbecue. Representatives from NARCOG, County Commission on Aging, Mr. Waddell and other commissioners will be present.
- 5-Mayor showed the Plaque to Council Members that had been presented to Town of Eva for having given more per capita than any other city/town in Morgan County to the North Alabama Center for Mental Health.
- 6-Mr. Page offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Nichols, that we pay the bills as presented-- See Attachment.
- 7-Clerk was authorized to see Kermit about replacing shrubbery at Clinic.

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Bills to be paid

General Fund:

Deputy Salary for May	\$833.33
Kelley's for cemetery work	1975.00
Net phone bill	58.51
2 water bills @ \$8.84	17.68
Electric Bills - Town Hall	44.48
Senior Center	48.18
Roll of postage stamps	22.00
Interest on \$40,000 loan	262.50
Howard Millwood (2 mowings)	25.00
Clerk's salary for April	155.86

Volunteer Fire Dept. Fund:

Misc. supplies (cleaning)	3.60
Radio batteries	40.00
Gas (Ryan's) for trucks	17.50

Gasoline Tax Fund:

Street Lights	129.73
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