

Minutes of regular meeting of Eva Town Council held on 9 April 2024 at 6:30 PM at Eva Town Hall. Present: Mayor Gary Livingston, Council Members: Martin Nelson, Johnny Persall, Ripley Fowler, Kent Chambers, and Edsel Childers, Clerk Kathy Taylor and Assistant Clerk Kimberly Cryer.

Guests: Roger Burrow, Terri Hightower, Jason Page, Ashley Richardson, Charles Stephens, Joyce Woodall, and Nolan West

Mayor called meeting to order; After roll call Mayor Livingston informed all present that we open our meetings with prayer, if anyone objects, we will abstain from this practice at tonight's meeting. No one objected, Council Member Nelson led in prayer.

Mayor Livingston requested a motion to approve minutes of 12 March 2024, Regular Council Meeting. Mr. Fowler so motioned; Mr. Persall seconded; All ayes-motion carried.

**A. FINANCE, EDUCATION & LIBRARY– MR. CHAMBERS**

- Stated at quick look, mid-year the budgets appear to be in good shape overall and will schedule a mid-year review.

Recognized Joyce Woodall, Librarian who shared:

- Received two bids on library lift-one for 28,000 and one for 40,000-Chairman Long will be looking for grants to help assist with the install. Library does have some funds to use and Joyce will keep the Council informed of any updates.
- Summer Reading starts June 3 and will continue for four weeks.

**B. UTILITIES & STREETS – MR. CHILDERS**

- Heard nothing from ALDOT yet on the Rebuild Alabama Grant.

**C. PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERIES – MR. PERSALL**

- Gave an update on Christmas on Eva Mountain Tinsel Trail.
- Recognized Jason Page who shared information regarding Ballfield Lights cost, diagram of lighting layout, and benefits of updating to LEDs. Clerk mentioned that Capital Improvement monies can be used, according to Larry Madison, to fund the project, if needed. Mayor stated he would ask for possible funding from Katie Britt, Scott Stadhagen or Arthur Orr. Mr. Chambers agreed the project needed to be done and suggested that the two light quotes we have need to be compared and a light metric study from L&N Electrical would be necessary. Mayor will follow up with L&N and funding.
- Mentioned plans to put in outlets and lights at the park pavilions and install ceiling fans at a cost of \$4,300. Comment from a visitor Charles Stephens suggested that ceiling fans would cause too many future problems. After discussion from the council and visitors, Mayor asked for a motion to install only the outlets and lights and omit the ceiling fans. Mr. Persall so motioned; Mr. Fowler seconded. All ayes: motion carried. Mayor will contact William Neel and ask him to start the project.
- Stated that the Outdoor Classroom was dangerous and needed to be torn down. Mayor and Mr. Persall will follow up with an evaluation of the platform on Friday and decide whether to keep it or tear it down. Clerk mentioned that if the project was built with grant monies, we need to see if there are any restrictions in tearing it down. Clerk will follow up with AMRV RC&D.

**D. POLICE, FIRE & GRANTS – MR. FOWLER**

No Report

**E. SANITATION & BUILDINGS – MR. NELSON**

- Sewer plant update is going slowly. The contractors realize they have 90 days to complete the project.
- Medical Clinic new building is waiting on paint from Hopper and installation of flooring after the painting is completed.

**F. HEARINGS ON PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.**

**G. AUDITING ACCOUNTS – MOTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS & PAY BILLS**

Mayor requested a motion to pay bills. Mr. Childers so motioned. Mr. Chambers seconded; All Ayes-motion carried.

**H. RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS & OR BUSINESS - Mayor Livingston**

**I. NEW BUSINESS - Mayor Livingston**

- Asked for motion for Mikey Caudle to purchase pallet racks to organize the shop at a cost of \$1,108. After discussion, Mr. Chambers so motioned; Mr. Persall seconded-All ayes; motion carried.

Mayor Livingston requested a motion to adjourn, Mr. Nelson so motioned, Mr. Chambers seconded; All Ayes- motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk