

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Eva Town Council held on May 13, 2008, 6:30 p.m. at the Eva Town Hall. Present: Mayor Gary Livingston, Councilmember's: Kent Chambers, Johnny Persall, James Henderson, Cleo Alexander, Bert Collins and Clerk Judy Fortenberry-McDaniel.

Guests: Athelia Gibbs, George Crawford, Betty Golden, John Holmes, Jeff Harville, Joe Hill, John Babchak, Johnny Hipps and Tim Blanton

Mayor Livingston called the meeting to order; all council members present. After roll call, informed all present that we open our meetings with prayer, if anyone objected we would abstain from this practice at tonight's meeting. No one objected. Mayor Livingston asked Mr. Henderson to open with prayer.

Council member Collins motion to dispense with reading of the minutes until after hearing from our guest, Mr. Persall seconded, carried.

Mayor Livingston turned the meeting over to Athelia Gibbs with the Eva Library, Ms. Gibbs explained that Representative Oden has obtained a grant for the library in the amount of \$20,000 to be use for internet service for the area around the library, Ms Gibbs turned the meeting over to Mr. Crawford with East Morgan Industrial Development Board, he went into detail on how the network would work. Mr. Crawford did state that the school would not connect to this network because the system they have is much faster than the one they are looking at for the library. Mr. Crawford did mention that the Town of Falkville did this last year for their library and industrial park. The monthly cost would run around \$700 to \$900 per month, with two support companies in cast the network went down. Also he mentioned that we might need to get a repeater and antenna, he did not know of the cost for this equipment. He did state that some of the businesses in town could help pay for this cost if they wanted to connect to the service.

Mayor Livingston stated he would need more information on this before making a decision. Mr. Crawford stated that he felt the cost for support would be around \$1200-\$1500 per month, but is easy to trouble shoot.

Mr. Crawford stated that the businesses would not qualify us for a grant but that individual households would.

Mayor Livingston suggestion that our Clerk call the Falkville Clerk and find out how the service in Falkville is working out.

Ms. Gibbs, Ms. Golden and Mr. Crawford left the meeting at 7:05.

Mayor turned the meeting over to Jeff Harville with the Eva Amateur Radio Club. Mr. Harville stated the radio club would like to use the recreation park for their annual field day activities on June 28-29 starting on the 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 a.m. and ending at 2:00 p.m. on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Collins motion to approve the request from the Amateur Radio Club, Mr. Henderson seconded, carried.

Mayor Livingston asked if everyone had read the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 8, 2008, Mr. Alexander motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Persall seconded, motion carried.

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

Mr. Chambers reported that the ground breaking for the football field and track at Eva School would May 14, at 3:00 p.m.; he encouraged all to attend if possible.

Mr. Chamber motion to go with the Sales Tax Holiday, Mr. Collins seconded, carried.

**B: UTILITIES & STREETS– MR. ALEXANDER**

Mr. Alexander reported on road signs and street lights.

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

Mr. Persall reported that he has a price of \$3,000 to concrete the horseshoe pitt, this is to fill in dirt areas not sides.

Mayor reported that we have a quote from John Deere for a tractor, front end loader and a blade for \$22,939 (with a trade-in of \$8,000) for a total of \$14,939 after trade-in. All present felt that we could sell the tractor for at least \$10,000, was suggested that we put the tractor out for bid with a starting price of \$10,000 – Clerk will take care of this. Mayor felt we should also sell the 5' mower with the tractor, all present agreed.

If we get a bid for the tractor, clerk will declare surplus property, this was a motion by Mr. Persall, Mr. Chambers seconded, carried.

Mr. Collins stated that we need new garbage cans for the ballpark; the one he would like is the 230 lbs (36 gal) for a price of \$682 ea. Clerk will research the prices before next meeting.

**D: POLICE, FIRE & GRANTS – MR HENDERSON**

Mr. Henderson reported the fire department had 7 EMT Runs, 1 vehicle and 3 other this past month.

Mr. Henderson reported that the sidewalks are coming along great, have asked for a change order and are waiting for Alabama Department of Transportation to reply back. Second grant is still at ALDOT for approval of drawings.

Mr. Henderson would also like to schedule a time with all the employees for a safety meeting. Clerk will get with the other employees and set up a time and date.

**F: SANITATION & BUILDINGS –MR. COLLINS**

Mr. Collins reported sewer plant is running as should, no problems at this time.

Mr. Collins reported that the lights in the Community Center are old and a fire hazard, suggested that we have them replaced in the near future. We have a quote from L&N Electric for \$3,803.00.

Mr. Collins motion to go with this quote, Mr. Persall seconded, carried.

**HEARINGS ON PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, COMMUNIC. ETC**  
No Report

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

Mr. Chambers's motion to pay bills, Mr. Persall seconded, carried.

**RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS & OTHER BUSINESS**

New Business: Mayor reported that Mr. Maze had approach him about having the State Tractor Show in 2010 during Frontier Days, after discussion. Mr. Collins motion to have the Tractor Show and Mr. Alexander seconded, carried.

Clerk reported that the Art Guild has requested that we buy benches for the park, to be placed along the walking trail. The Art Guild will pay up to \$1,000 for the benches if the Town will pay any remaining cost plus place them on a concrete slab. Clerk suggested to the Art Guild that we purchase benches to match the ones located at the playground. The Art Guild was in favor of this. Price per bench is \$390 for a total of \$1,170.00.

Mr. Chambers's motion to pay the difference, Mr. Collins seconded, carried.

May 29, 4:30 was set for a work session, will discuss financing for the sewer addition at this meeting.

Mr. Chambers's motion to adjourn, Mr. Henderson seconded, carried.

Approved:

Mayor

Attest: 

Town Clerk 