

Minutes of Meeting of Eva Town Council held in regular session March 9, 1989, 7 P.M., attended by Mayor Ryan and all 5 members of the Council. Meeting was chaired by Mayor Ryan who asked Mr. Page to pray the opening prayer. Motion was offered by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Morgan (carried) to dispense with the reading of the minutes until after we hear from the visitors. Mayor then called on the members of Junior Girl Scout Troop 348 to present the Flag Ceremony. Five members of the troop participated in the ceremony.

Mayor then called on Glenda Robertshaw, representing the Brewer Band Boosters. Also present to support her were Eugene and Margie Crawford. Mrs. Robertshaw told of the desperate need for new band uniforms, stating that several band members are from Eva, and she asked the Council to consider making a donation to help with the purchase of new uniforms. She stated that the Priceville Town Council has given them \$3,000. Mayor asked her to get some figures on how many students from Eva are at Brewer, how many are in the band; and to ask Dr. Wisener to send the Council a letter giving several items in priority order of what he would like the Eva Town Council to help to fund. Then the Council will make the decision on which projects they would like to help with.

Minutes of the February 9 meeting were read and approved.

Old Business:

1-Mayor read from a paper left from Chief Deputy Perry about discharging firearms. This copy of 9-11-257 from Code of Alabama covers hunting, but does not cover the miscellaneous firing near residences, etc. The Council decided to take care of any situation as they may arise.

2-Park status. Mike Cavanaugh, who is doing the park layout, is out of town. The layout is not ready yet. Council voted to meet in call session on March 23 to discuss the status, the new grant application, etc.

3-Highway signs. No word from County Engineer Bob Woodruff. Mr. Livingston will try to get buy Mr. Woodruff's office to check with him about this.

4-Mail routes. No word from Don Hale about the appointment with Birmingham postal officials.

5-Water lines. Mayor and Mr. Nichols will try to get to Cullman County Commission soon to discuss the situation.

6-Industrial property purchase. Mayor and Mr. Collins will try to get something going on this.

7-Sewer system grant. Clerk reported on phone calls with NARCOG and Public Systems, Inc. No need to try for a CDBG grant; we do not qualify. If Eva wishes to be considered for some of the low interest loan funds to be made available in a couple of years, we need to get on the waiting list. He gave some steps we should follow, given on attachment no. 1 to minutes.

8-Clerk reported on phone call from Ward Bodner of Premiere Cable Communications about the status of cable TV for Eva. He said that since they had to go through the whole process of getting clearances with Cullman County Commission after the election, they were delayed about 3 months. On Feb. 13 Premiere got the final okay to proceed from the Commission. Eva's cable service will come on the route which they are now working on in Baileyton, through Fairview. He said they have 150 miles in the present project, with 45 miles being around Eva in Morgan County. They plan to have Eva's cable service activated in time for football season. He apologized for the delay, but said it was unavoidable.

9-10-Clerk reported that since she had not heard from Charlyne Allison about the I LOVE EVA pins, she called her. Charlyne said that it had slipped her mind, but that she would check her sources and get back in touch. Since she still hasn't called, the Council voted to have the Clerk to go ahead and order 501 from Rondoc Button Co., with the request they put Eva, AL. (M:Collins; S:Livingston)

10-The pool table donated by Dr. Rolland Oden has been delivered by him to the Site. A new cover has been purchased (he paid \$75; Site will pay the balance of \$44) and he and his son installed it and made some repairs to the table. The Clerk got the plate from Cummings Sporting Goods and put it on the pool table, acknowledging the donation to the Site from Dr. Oden.

11-Council would like to go ahead and get the bumpers for the west side of the parking lot to keep people from damaging the landscaping tiles. Mr. Livingston said he would take care of this as soon as they get through with the new fire hall. They're working down there as many hours as possible to get it finished.

New Business:

- 1-Since the Council did not receive a bid from Eva Nurseries on landscaping around the other two welcome signs, they voted to give the bid to Ford & Son Landscaping for their bid of \$1109 each. Motion made by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Livingston to give Ford & Son the bid, and to ask them at the same time they do the one at Rolland Oden's to move that little green sign on "keeping Eva clean", so that it wouldn't distract from the big sign. Motion carried.
- 2-Discussed the request for a sink in the ceramics room. The cost to run the lines and install the kind of sink they want is unreasonable, according to the bid of Bill Nelson/Larry Smith @ \$860.00. Council voted to table this and look at the situation before making a decision on this. (M:Livingston; S:Page; carried)
- 3-Discussed the fact that some members of the Eva Volunteer Fire Department were soliciting donations to help with the purchase of materials to finish the new fire hall. Council's consensus was that they had rather the members not ask for donations, that they would purchase what was still needed to finish the fire hall. Mayor said that it should be in their minutes that they would be taking donations.

In OTHER ACTIONS the Council voted to:

- 1-Adopt RESOLUTION 89-1 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Agreement with ADECA on the \$10,000 matching grant to begin development of the walking trail at the Park, and to Adopt Resolution 89-2 authorizing the Mayor to enter a contract with NARCOG to administer said grant. (M:Page; S:Livingston; carried)
- 2-Proceed with getting a perc test at the site of the new fire hall, and get a septic tank installed for them. (M:Nichols; S:Collins; carried)
- 3-To pay the bills as presented (See attachment #4). (M:Page; S:Morgan; carried)

Clerk extended to Council members and spouses an invitation from the Eva Site participants to be their guests at an Easter luncheon at the Site on March 24.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Livingston; carried.

Bonnie G. Holmes, Eva Town Clerk

Approved: 4-13-89

FOR THE RECORD:

Phone calls with Nora Landers, Grants Coordinator at NARCOG, and with Betty Loftin and Ken Towery of Public Systems, Inc.

Nora had requested what information Kerry Dixon of Watkins Engineering had on the sewer system proposals he and Gail Pressnell had been working on. After Nora received the information, and after she checked into the funding point system in Montgomery for grant requests, she told me that Eva did not have any way of reaching the number of points that could qualify for a grant. She said that there would be no need to apply.

I had invited Betty Loftin of PSI out for the council meeting set for March 9. She called me on March 8 (I also talked with Ken Towery in her office at the same time) to say that they had just returned from Montgomery where they picked up figures and statistical information about Eva. They told me the same thing that Nora had said--no need for them to come out because, according to the figures they have, Town of Eva rates near the bottom of small cities (No. 312 out of 314) as far as "needs assessments/low-to mod qualifications" go. They could come up with only 13 points out of a total of 80 required. They said that if we have a sewer problem out here that constitutes a health hazard, or if the Health Department condemns something out here, then we could be re-evaluated.

Ken and Betty said that grant monies will be almost non-existent after next year, and those cities that have not been on the waiting list will have a very difficult time of even being considered. Ken said they checked the records in Montgomery to see where Eva stood on the waiting list, and we are not on one which, according to him, means that Kerry and Gail have not ever submitted a "201 facilities plan" for Town of Eva to Montgomery. Ken said that if we wanted to get on a waiting list for the low-subsidized interest loan funds that will be coming from Montgomery to municipalities instead of grant monies, then we should hire an engineer or contract with an engineer to prepare the 201 Facilities Plan and get it filed in Montgomery. He said the engineer and the mayor, or someone from the council, should go to Montgomery to meet with ADEM on this. The Town of Eva would have to take the "up-front expenses" of the work for the preparation of the 201 Facilities Plan. He said the Town might then have a chance of getting in on this revolving low interest loan funds. That's the only hope he sees for Town to get a sewer system.

As far as funds for an industrial park, or industrial development, goes, he said that there are site preparation monies that could be available, but there are certain criteria that must be met even to get that. He said that no monies are available for speculative acquisitions. In other words, the Town would have to purchase the properties, or take an option on it. All grants have to be tied to one particular company that has agreed to locate in that industrial park. Grant monies could be used for getting public utilities in to the park, such as water, electricity, or drainage work. The property would have to remain under public ownership, while this was going on, but the Town could sign a lease-purchase agreement with a company who commits to locate there. Ken said he would be glad to come out to discuss these matters with the council if they so desire.

Bonnie
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