

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Eva Town Council held on Tuesday, March 12, 1996, at 7:30 p.m. in the Eva Town Hall. Present: Mayor Livingston, Charles Nichols, James Fowler, Clarence Alexander, Larry J. Smith, and Bert Collins. Guest present: Barbara Frost, Marigurette Alexander, Cynthia Weaver, Elouise Oden, and Vonda Holmes, members of Frontier Days Board (also present to speak for Eva Art Guild). Eloise Livingston was also present for Library Board.

After roll call, Clarence Alexander opened with prayer. Mr. Fowler made motion to dispense reading minutes until hear from guests, Mr. Collins second, carried.

Marigurette Alexander, Chairman of Frontier Days Board, advised council that a board had been elected by Eva Art Guild in order to work directly with the Frontier Days event. This will also enable the Art Guild to work more on other projects. Mrs. Alexander advised that plans have been in process toward the annual Frontier Days for quiet some time and there was two entertainment groups that has not yet confirmed they would be part of the events. Mrs. Alexander thanked council for previous support and ask that they continue support as in the past. Mayor advised that \$2500 was put into the budget and approved.

Elouise Oden spoke for the Eva Art Guild. She advised council that the art guild would like to "Beautify Eva". They would like to plant scrubs, trees, and flowers in different areas, and in addition, help the merchants to clean up around businesses. They would also like to place benches in the park close to the walking trail. They have asked different groups if they would assist the art guild. Each group has agreed to help. Mayor ask who would maintain the shrubs, trees, and flowers once planted? Mrs. Oden advised that the art guild would. Also, the businesses that did not have areas that could be planted would have flower pots in front of them. April is the month they would like to designate as a kick-off time. Mrs. Weaver added that April 13th is Morgan County Clean-up day.

Mr. Collins made motion to accept the project from Eva Art Guild and set April as beautification month, Mr. Nichols, second, carried.

Eloise Livingston gave library report. She advised that there are problems with the gas heater at the library such as: gas smell, and it only heats between the bookcases. She also wanted to know a status of a sign for the library? Mayor advised that the heater was placed in the only area it could be placed since the librarians did not want it in the central part of the building. He indicated that he heater needed to be turned on high and left so that the library would be warm when librarians come in the next day. Mayor advised Mrs. Livingston to get prices on a sign and the design they wanted to present to council for consideration. (Library report on file.)

#### **Finance and Education - Mr. Nichols**

Since the library report had been given Mr. Nichols asked Mayor to explain how the C.D.'s were reinvested. Mayor advised that C.D. for \$100,000.00 was invested at First Commercial Bank for 1 yr. At 6.25%, \$35,000 for fire department was invested at First Commercial Bank for apprx. 6 months at 6.25%. Mr. Smith advised Mayor that Scott Brown, Manager of First Commercial Bank was going to send to the town information for a package price on the checking accounts with interest. Mr. Brown said he would guarantee for one year an interest rate and no charge on checks.

Mayor advised that a called meeting would be Tuesday, March 19, 1996, at 3:00 p.m. in the town hall concerning possible one cent sales tax for Town of Eva and other financial matters.

Mayor also advised that FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Asso.) visited the town Monday and check roads for possible emergency funds to repair roads that appeared damaged from the ice storm. A resolution would have to be adopted at the called meeting in order to any assistance.

### **Utilities - Mr. Alexander**

Mr. Alexander advised that the caution light had been repaired. He added that ice had built up on the lens and broke off during the ice storm. He advised that the Lions Club was once again interested in paying for one-half of the cost to put an icemaker in the Nutrition Site. Mr. Alexander will get prices on an icemaker and present to council.

### **Streets, Parks, and Cemeteries - Mr. Fowler**

Mr. Fowler advised that the park needs a good clean up especially in the low area. Tommy Moore worked on it last year but was not able to complete. A portion of the siding from the concession stand has been given to Darrel Nails of D & S Salvage. Mr. Nails stated that it appeared that water had got behind the siding but he thought something might be done about the siding. Mayor advised he would go by D & S Salvage and discuss with Mr. Nails. Mr. Fowler ask about the status of the cemetery? Mayor advise the Tom Drake, Attorney at Law, has the deed and processing them for transfer to Eva Methodist Church.

### **Police & Fire - Mr. Smith**

Mr. Smith advised that deputy broke his foot during the ice storm and Bobby Netherly had driven him around in the area. Clerk advised that a police contract had been received from Morgan County Commission. Mayor advised that he talked with Deputy Ferguson concerning the big trucks that had been parking in the town's parking lot. He advised deputy to let the trucks park there long enough to have lunch, buy movies, and go to the stores.

Mayor also advised that the fire department has old turnout gear that was needed by Barney Volunteer Fire Department in South Alabama and they were willing to buy it. After discussion, Larry Smith made motion to sell the equipment at best offer, Mr. Collins second, carried.

### **Recreation & Sanitation - Mr. Collins**

Mr. Collins advised that he is still waiting to hear from the park board concerning a meeting on park plans. Mr. Alexander stated that still water leak across from Eva Tire Shop and still raw sewage coming from across the road at Joe Hall's gameroom. Mayor advised Mr. Alexander to contact Cullman Water Department about the water leak across from Eva Tire and ask them again about replacing the water pipe on Patton Road. Mr. Alexander advised that he had talked with Mr. Sacra, Supt. of Water Dept., and Mr. Sacra did not give any promises on replacing the pipe. The pipe purchased for that project has been used for emergencies in Cullman County. Mr. Sacra had promised to replace the pipe in 1995 but he would call about the leak across from Eva Tire.

Mr. Collins added that he appreciated the Eva Art Guild taking on the beautification project and to clean up the town.

### **No Reports of Special Committees & Officers, No Hearings on Petitions, Apples, Complaints, Appeals, Communc, Etc.**

### **Auditing Accounts**

Mr. Collins made motion to transfer funds necessary to pay bills and to pay the bills, Mr. Nichols second, carried.

**Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders & Other Business**

Resolution #96-1, Solid Waste (Garbage) Disposal Service in Town of Eva - repealing Resolution #87-3 was introduced by Councilman Collins. Councilman Fowler moved that all rules governing the council which might, unless suspended, prevent the passage and adoption of the resolution at this meeting, be and the same are hereby suspended for the purpose of permitting the said ordinance to be finally passed and adopted at this meeting. Councilman Alexander seconded motion.

Mayor Livingston put the question before the council and on roll call vote as follows:

Mayor Livingston - yea	Clarence Alexander - yea
Charles Nichols - yea	Larry Smith - yea
James Fowler - yea	Bert Collins - yea

Mayor Livingston declared the motion adopted by unanimous vote of the members present.

Councilman Alexander moved that the said resolution, #96-1, Solid Waste (Garbage) Disposal Service, be finally passed and adopted as introduced. Councilman Collins seconded motion.

Mayor Livingston put the question of final passage, and the adoption of said resolution to vote of council, and on call of the roll results as follows:

Mayor Livingston - yea	Clarence Alexander - yea
Charles Nichols - yea	Larry Smith - yea
James Fowler - yea	Bert Collins - yea

Mayor Livingston announced the result of vote, and declared the resolution finally passed and adopted in reference to Section 11-45-2, Code of Alabama, 1975.

Note: at this point in the meeting Fire Chief Holmes entered. He advised council that two (2) air paks had been given to the Eva VFD several years ago but was in very good condition. What did council wish to be done with the equipment since it is now excess. Mayor advised chief that council had already approved selling to equipment to the fire department that needed it with the best offer.

Mayor advised council that a voting delegate must be appointed to vote in the business session of the Alabama League convention. Mr. Smith made motion to appoint Mayor Livingston since he plans to attend, Mr. Alexander seconded the motion.

After discussion concerning upcoming meeting, Mr. Smith made motion to adjourn, Mr. Nichols seconded the motion.

Attest:

Approved

4/9/96