

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Eva Town Council held on March 11, 1997, at 6:30 p.m. in the Eva Town Hall. Present: Mayor Livingston, C. C. Mosteller, James Fowler, Clarence Alexander, Larry Smith, and Bert Collins. Guests present: Ricky Wallace, Aretis Oden, and Tom Perkins, CPA for Town of Eva.

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

Aretis Oden, representing the Eva Lions Club, advised council that their organization wishes to bring a circus into the town to raise money for projects they support in the community. They plan to ask Walker Brothers One Ring Circus for one day. The club would like to use the park for set up or a vacant lot that the town owns. They will have 10,000 tickets to pass out at schools- \$6.00 advance and \$8.00 at the gate. The circus will clean up and the only thing that must be furnished is water. He has checked with several sources and has been advised that Walker Brothers is a very responsible group. Mayor will discuss with council and advise Mr. Oden.

Rickey Wallace advised council that he has cleaned up the fence row between his property and the walking trail so that a fence could be installed there as agreed by the previous Mayor Ryan. He has cut all hedges, brushes, and took down the old fence. He advised that the town could have it finished up and install the fence. He also advised that Steve Cobb was interested in some assistance with the fence. Mayor will discuss with council and advise Mr. Wallace.

Next, Tom Perkins, CPA, town auditor, presented the audit report for 1996/97 year. He advised council of many areas where there was changes in revenue/expense. He also advised that the town was doing very well keeping in line with the budget.

After reading of minutes Mr. Alexander made to approved minutes of called meeting on March 4, Mr. Smith second, carried. After reading minutes of regular meeting of February 11, Mr. Mosteller made motion to approve, Mr. Fowler second, carried

FINANCE & EDUCATION - MR. MOSTELLER

No library report was given. Mr. Mosteller did advise that the requested amount of \$1500 from library will not be issued unless the grant application is approved. Mr. Mosteller asked if the certificate of deposit was set up for fire department, Mayor indicated that it would be the next day at 6.25% at First Commercial Bank. Mayor also advised that another C.D. would mature on March 15, for \$100,000.00 at First Commercial Bank. Rates for this amount at First Bank of Eva is 6.25% for 20 months only. First Commercial Bank is 6.25% for 1 year. Mr. Mosteller made motion for Mayor to invest at First Commercial Bank for 1 yr. At 6.25%, Mr. Collins second, carried.

Mr. Mosteller also reported that the town had made the recent appropriation to Eva School the new computer for the office is now in place and in operation.

Mayor reported that the town received an insurance check toward replacing the roof at the Library and he has tried to reach Leon Brown to get the work done. He will continue trying to reach him.

UTILITIES - MR. ALEXANDER

Mr. Alexander reported that during the week there was a natural gas leak in the entrance line from a heater in the library. Mrs. Woodall went to the library to do some work and smelled the gas. Cullman-Jefferson Gas was out within thirty minutes to repair it. He appreciated their promptness.

STREETS, PARKS & CEMETERIES - MR. FOWLER

Mr. Fowler asked Mayor the status for gravel being spread at the park? Mayor advised that if Charles Ford does not get to the work, he will get someone else soon.

Mr. Fowler asked the status of the turn lane at Foodland. Mayor advised that Mr. Smith is keeping a log of the heavy traffic load for Don Stisher, Commissioner for this area.

Mayor advised that he called Shelby Contracting three weeks ago for a price on paving Edgewood Street but has not yet received a price.

Mayor advised that Jerry Miner, member of East Morgan Industrial Board, stated that they might be interested in the land beside L & N Mechanical. Mayor also stated that he has ask Johnny Ryan to estimate how much the timber would be worth on the Industrial Park.

Mayor advised council that three dugouts at the park now are covered. Darrell Haga mentioned that Eva Activities has a good relationship with Eva School for activities.

Mr. Collins advised that the hole in front of Quality Drugs is not fixed yet. A ring was supposed to be ordered to go in the bottom. Mayor mentioned that the county was suppose to measure it and order one but since it is not installed he will check into it.

Mr. Collins advised that a lady is walking on the trail and taking her dog along. The dog is barking at people when they get near it which could cause trouble if it does not stop. Mayor advised that a sign needs to be put up again. Mr. Collins advised that E. A. Holmes, Jr. filled some ditches and also cleaned out some ditches at the walking trail because they were causing problems for the walkers.

Also, Mr. Collins advised that a log truck is using Murphree Road which is tearing it up. Also the driver is using the West Side Baptist Church parking lot. Mayor stated that he has already ask Don Stisher to look at the road to see if the truck is doing damage. If so, the owner will have to pay the expense of repairing it. He also advised that there is a weight limit already on it. Mayor will check with Mr. Stisher on the matter.

POLICE & FIRE - MR. SMITH

Mr. Smith asked about the status of the siren for Eva. Mayor advised that there is an EMA meeting Thursday night at Sparkman Civic Center. Mr. Mosteller suggested that all members of council should attend the meeting to represent the town.

RECREATION & SANITATION - MR. COLLINS

Mayor advised that Darrel Haga agreed to serve on Park/Rec. Mr. Collins made motion to appoint Mr. Haga to the board, Mr. Alexander second, carried.

AUDITING ACCOUNTS

Mr. Fowler made motion to transfer necessary funds to pay bills of Gasoline Tax accounts, Mr. Smith second. Mr. Collins made motion to pay bills, Mr. Mosteller second, carried.

NO REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor recommended Darrell Holmes, Edsel Childers, and Stanley Hall to serve on the Eva Industrial Board. Mr. Collins made motion to accept his recommendation, Mr. Fowler second, carried.

After discussion concerning the upcoming annual league convention, Mr. Mosteller made motion that Mayor Livingston serve as the voting delegate for the Town of Eva and that Mr. Collins serve as alternate, Mr. Alexander second, carried.

Mayor advised that he has set an appointment with Larry Madison, attorney, for advise on the proposed one cent sales tax for Eva and ask that a councilman attend the meeting also.

Mr. Smith made motion to adjourn, Mr. Collins second, carried.

Approved

4/8/97

Attest:

Eva Town Clerk