

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Eva Town Council held on March 10, 1998, at 6:30 P.M. in the Eva Town Hall. Present: Mayor Livingston, C. C. Mosteller, James Fowler, Larry Smith, Bert Collins Clarence Alexander absent due to sickness.. Guest present: Cynthia Weaver, Eva Art Guild, Eddie Hicks, Morgan County EMA, and Steve Henderson, resident. Tom Perkins, Town Auditor was not present for the meeting due to unplanned situations.

After roll call Mr. Collins opened with prayer. Mr. Mosteller made motion to dispense reading minutes until hearing from guests.

First to speak was Cynthia Weaver representing Eva Art Guild. Mrs. Weaver advised council that several individuals in Eva would like to propose a playground project to the Eva Town Council for the Eva Park. This system in Huntsville is named "Kids Kingdom" and the same system in Athens has another name - each town gives the system a name. The system is designed by an architect in New York to meet all necessary safety guidelines and materials testing. The architect that she received information from is also an inspector for playground equipment. Mrs. Weaver said she was presenting this project to the Eva Art Guild at the next meeting. At that time they will appoint a committee to work on the project concerning cost. She asked Mr. Fowler if he would be interested in serving on the committee and he agreed. Mayor asked if a cost had been determined but Mrs. Weaver advised that there is not a design for Eva nor a cost. After discussion, Mrs. Weaver said she would return to council after a committee is appointed and cost is determined.

Next to speak was Eddie Hicks, Director of Morgan County Emergency Management. Mr. Hicks said he appreciated Mayor Livingston asking him to council to report on up to date warning systems. Mr. Hicks advised he has been with Morgan County office for two years and explained that this office was very well equipped with the latest technologies which was considered very high in the nation. He ask the council to view a map presented showing warning systems in the county at the present time. Each system was circled for location indicating that the warning covered a one mile radius. He advised that the EMA office has applied for 21 units with the most up to date technology including voice activation. A silent test will be done first before startup operation. Each siren can be set independently with eight different messages pertaining to safety. Each siren will cost approximately \$20,000 and the EMA office has budgeted a portion of the cost to get controls. He also advised that he would not ask the full cost since the grant has been requested but would only need approximately 50% of the cost from the towns in Morgan County. Also, he will ask the state for discretionary funds toward purchasing these systems. It was also recommended that each council member talk to the state representative for this area. In addition, he advised that if a town has the total funds available, it takes approximately 8 weeks to get the system in place. He offered his assistance in any way possible for the Town of Eva. Mayor gave his appreciation to Mr. Hicks for his report.

After reading the minutes, Mr. Collins made motion to approve, Mr. Fowler second, carried.

FINANCE & EDUCATION - MR. MOSTELLER

Since no library report was given, Mr. Mosteller asked for information concerning town's property liability insurance. Mayor advised that clerk had called league insurance concerning reducing the deductible to \$500.00 instead of \$1000.00. The cost would be \$176.00 more per year. After discussion, it was agreed that insurance should remain as is at present.

Then followed a discussion on workers compensation insurance. Clerk advised that Hill Insurance has made an audit from town's report concerning contracted workers. They advised that the town will have to pay workers compensation insurance on any contracted or sub-contracted workers who do not have

insurance in the future. She strongly advised the town against contractors who do not have workers compensation due to liability claims.

Mayor advised that Mr. Smith got a price of \$500.00 for the x-ray machine and the small miscellaneous items with it. He was advised that the manufacturer is no longer in operation and the machine is outdated. Also, the cost to breakdown for storage then later re-assembled and recertified would cost over \$1500.00. This cost did not include storage of the unit. After discussion, Mr. Mosteller made motion to sell the x-ray machine and small miscellaneous items for \$500.00, Mr. Collins second, carried.

Mayor advised that the fire department would like to invest \$28,000 in a certificate of deposit for the truck payment and insurance due in August. Mr. Mosteller made motion for Mayor to invest \$28,000 for the fire department at the best rate and financial institution, Mr. Fowler second, carried.

Mayor then advised that a 12 month certificate of deposit for the general fund will mature 3/15/98 in the amount of \$100,000. Mr. Mosteller made motion for Mayor to re-invest the \$100,000 at the best rate and financial institution, Mr. Smith second, carried.

UTILITIES - NO REPORT DUE TO ABSENCE OF MR. ALEXANDER

STREETS, PARKS, & CEMETERIES - MR. FOWLER

Mr. Fowler reported that no rocks have been placed at the park for the picnic tables to be set. He again advised that highway 55 has some bad places and breaking up. He suggested placing a base coat first in order to make a better pavement. Mayor suggested that the council discuss highway 35 and 55 with Don Stisher concerning responsibility of the roads.

Mr. Fowler then read a letter from workers compensation insurance advising that a safety meeting is necessary with all department heads or the town council as soon as possible. He suggested that as soon as Mr. Moore starts back to work, they should hold a safety meeting at the town hall.

Then, Mr. Fowler asked Mayor if the easement has been completed for paving Ryan Road which Mayor advised it was not yet.

POLICE & FIRE - MR SMITH

Mr. Smith advised that the fire department has been very busy with EMT calls and had a large house fire recently. At present they have some truck problems that required repairs. He then recalled that a certificate of deposit for \$28,000 was necessary for the truck payment and insurance due. Also, he advised that lots of activity going on in the Sheriff's department for the Eva area.

Mr. Smith advised that Curtis Kirsch, Architect, has drawn a sketch of the proposed medical building to house a dentist and doctor. This complex of 4000 sq. ft would cost approximately \$240,732 or \$60.18 sq. ft. Mr. Kirsch will work with the town in every possible way and is certified to supervise the work. The dentist office could be finished first then complete the doctor's office when a doctor is determined and needs. His draft includes the design requested by Dr. Turner. Mr. Smith also advised that Don Stisher, Commissioner of District #3 has agreed to form the pad. Mayor suggested that council meet in a work session to discuss plans.

RECREATION & SANITATION - MR COLLINS

Mr. Collins advised that Roger Rader suggested using a peat moss septic system and then added that Mr. Rader would be in Eva in the near future.

