

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Eva Town Council held on May 16, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Eva Community Center. Present: Mayor Gary Livingston; Councilmember's: Kent Chambers, Bert Collins, Clarence Alexander, James Henderson, Johnny Persall and Clerks Judy Fortenberry and Angela Holmes.

Guests: Robbie Lou Childers, Jeff Harville, Athelia Gibbs, Martha Bentley, Bob Hager, Jeff Frost, Joe Hill, and Dot Smith

Mayor Livingston called the meeting to order. 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.

Mayor Livingston asked if everyone had read the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on April 11, 2006. Mr. Henderson motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Persall seconded, motion carried.

A. FINANCE, EDUCATION & LIBRARY- MR. CHAMBERS

Mr. Chambers reported that CD #4561 for \$25,000 is up for renewal, Mr. Chambers motion for the Town Clerk to check with both banks and get the best interest rate and renew, Mr. Alexander seconded, carried.

Mr. Chambers reminded everyone that we will need to review the budget and at the June meeting to set up a date for a work session.

Clerk reported that Brewer School had also requested funding for a field house for the baseball team. Mr. Chambers recommended that we get with Brewer and see exactly what they want; this request was tabled until the work session. Also tabled was the request for the baby grand piano.

Mr. Chambers also presented the annual insurance report, a couple of the items Town Hall/Fire Department building and the Concession Stand should be looked at. Jeff Frost, President of the Activities Association will look at the cost of the building and Clerk will get in touch with the Insurance Agency on the concession stand.

B: UTILITIES & STREETS- MR. ALEXANDER

Mr. Alexander reported that he had asked Kelvin Murphy to look at the culvert in front of the Town Hall and Medical Building. The culvert is stopped up with flowers from the cemetery and trash from the road.

Clerk reported that the Alabama Department of Transportation stated that the intersection of Highways 35 and 55 are county roads, and that we would need the Morgan County Engineer to look at our needs for this area.

C. PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERIES - MR. PERSALL

Mr. Persall reported that CDG, Inc. had completed the design for the park drainage. The cost for the project is \$222,000. Mr. Persall suggested that we meet with County Commission and the

Conservation people and see if they can help us out some on the cost of construction. After discussion it was decided to address this at the work session.

Clerk reported that the insurance company recommends that we do something with the bleachers at the park, and also the table at the Community Center with the broken bench. Clerk will have the maintenance remove the broken bench, and work with the Activity Association on the bleachers.

D. POLICE, FIRE & GRANTS – MR HENDERSON

Mr. Henderson reported on the trip to the Department of Transportation in Guntersville. We are required to interview three Engineering Firms before choosing one to do the design for the sidewalk. He stated that it will be around two years before we start the construction. Mr. Henderson made a motion to start negotiation for a contracting firm, this was tabled until the work session.

E. SANITATION & BUILDINGS– MR. COLLINS

Mr. Collins reported the easements are ready for the sewer lines.

HEARINGS ON PETITIONS, APPOLCs. COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, COMMUC. ETC

No Report

AUDITING ACCOUNTS – MOTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS & PAY BILLS

Motion to pay bills – Mr. Chambers motioned to pay bills, Mr. Persall seconded, carried.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS & OTHER BUSINESS

New Business:

Jeff Frost requested the use of the ball fields for a fund raiser for the Ricketts Children on July 8. Mayor asked what kind of activities; Mr. Frost stated that they would have a blue grass band, and blowup slides and things of that nature. The funds will be used only for the Ricketts Children, please note that the Ricketts Children are members of the softball team, and play sports with the Activities. Fields will be needed from 3:00 until midnight.

Mr. Chambers's motion to approve the request, Mr. Collins seconded, carried.

Mayor asked if anyone else had any thing to bring before the Council.

Ms. Childers recommended that the Council should ask the senior's to give money for benches at the park. She was not sure where the benches are needed.

Ms. Bentley stated she would like for the Council to know that she feels they have done a great job on the sewer project, and she appreciates all the hard work.

Clerk reported that Carolyn Oden had requested a permit to use the parking lot by the Wagon

Wheel to hold a yard sale, with the proceeds going to help Trever Stapp, an 7 year old with medical expenses. Mr. Collins recommends that they use his lot across the street, they would have shade and he felt it's a better place. All was in agreement with his recommendation, Clerk will report back to Ms Oden for the yard sale to be May 27 next to the Exxon Station.

Brewer High Cheerleaders requested a permit to hold a collection drive at the intersection of 55 and 35. After a length discussion it was decided that it is too dangerous for students to be in the road. This came after complaints from the previous collection held by students.

Mr. Chambers motion to not approve this permit nor any in the future, did Mr. Persall second, carried.

Eva Cheerleaders requested to use the parking lot at the four way for a car wash. After discussion Mr. Alexander motion to approve this with the understanding that at no time will anyone be in the road or near the road to interfere with traffic, Mr. Chambers seconded, carried.

Mayor reported that we will be getting two additional weather sirens; one will be in the Chambers Road Area and the other one in the area of Larry's Car Wash. Each siren will cover a half-mile area.

Mayor reported that Jimmy Walker, Mayor of Falkville, had talked with him about the Town of Falkville contracting with the Town of Eva to provide maintenance and monitor the sewer plant until we have someone certified. Mayor will discuss this in more detail with Mayor Walker.

Dot Smith recommended that something be done with the drive way at the Post Office, several suggestion were offered, with one be a hidden drive sign put up at the four-way. Mayor reported this is a Morgan County Road and they will have to put the sign up. Clerk will call and see if we can get a sign. Mr. Persall suggested that we could take care of this when we redo the four-way.

Mayor reported that Mr. Shickles is scheduled to take the certification test on Wednesday, May 30; he is enrolled in a class on each Tuesday and Thursday in Celera. With the test scheduled for Wednesday, May 30, he suggested that we approve for him to stay the night in the Birmingham area. Mr. Collins motion to approve the cost for Mr. Shickles to stay in the Birmingham area, Mr. Persall seconded carried.

Athelia Gibbs brought before the Council that the Library needs an elevator, she gave out the cost of \$50,000, and she asked if the Town has a contract or knows of any engineering firms that could work on this for the library. Mr. Chambers suggested that if the cost is in the \$50,000 range we could probably build out at the back of the library instead of the elevator. She also requested a cover for the front door, and looking into hiring another employee in the near future.

Old Business:

Mayor Livingston reported that East Morgan County Development Board is working up a price for the Old Town Hall building. Hopefully we will have this price in the near future.

Mayor Livingston asked if anyone else had anything to bring before the Council, no one spoke up, he thanked everyone for coming out.

Mr. Alexander motion to adjourn, Mr. Collins second, carried.

APPROVED:

Mayer

ATTEST:

Town Clerk