

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Eva Town Council held on March 14, 2000 at 6:30 P.M. in the Eva Town Hall. Present: Mayor Gary Livingston, Bert Collins, C. C. Mosteller, James Fowler, Larry Smith, Mr. Alexander arrived at the meeting at 7:05. Guest Present: Dennis Holmes, EVA VFD, Jason Holmes Eva VFD, Eloise Livingston Eva Medical Board, Jim Henderson, Brain Brown.

Mayor Livingston called roll.

Mr. Fowler made motion to dispense with minutes until after hearing from our guest, Mr. Collins second, carried.

Chief Holmes spoke on behalf of the fire department. He brought the Council up on changes within the fire department, listing duties of each of the fireman. He made the comment that this assignment of duties is working great and thanked the Council for the support given to them from the Town. Chief Holmes turn the floor over to Jason Holmes.

Jason Holmes addressed the Council on the purchase of two fire trucks - these will replace one truck that is 22 years old and the other is 16 years. Mr. Homes stated that the rescue truck is 16 years old and is taken out on every call, and the truck is beginning to cost additional money to keep up due to the age. He reported that some of the problem is that the truck is over loaded and the additional weight is causing the clutch to continually go out. All equipment on this truck can be use on the new truck. The new truck will be considered a pumper as well as a rescue truck. The brush truck requested will last at least 20 years if maintain correctly and the rescue truck will last approximately 15 years. He stated that the fire department would sell both trucks that will be replaced and use the proceeds to pay for the brush truck. The department is looking at a F-550 (ford) which will be an automatic for the rescue truck for approximately \$120,000 the brush truck will be a 5-speed .

Chief Holmes stated that the AED is on hand and is up and working.

Mr. Smith made motion to purchase two new fire truck, Mr. Fowler second, carried.

Fire Department will write up specification, Town Clerk will put out bids for two trucks

Mayor ask Ms. Livingston for a update from the Medical Board. Ms. Livingston reported that we will sign a contract with Cullman Regional Medical Center, to provide a Doctor four days a week. CRMC will lease the building for \$500.00 and will provide all equipment and furniture except the X-ray which the Town has agreed to provide. Doctor Gallager will pick out her colors the first of the week. Dr. Gallager hopes to be in the Clinic by April 1.

Mr. Smith ask if we can use the cemetery road to come into the back for the dumpster and employee parking. Mayor suggested that we get with Don Stisher and see what needs to be done. County will do the parking lot in April when they are working on Hwy 55. Both the Mayor and Mr. Smith thanked Ms. Livingston for all her work and time that has gone into finding a doctor.

Ms. Livingston asked permission to speak on behalf of the Library, Mayor granted. Ms. Livingston reported that once the new section is open, that we will need two persons staffing the library when opened. The Library Board will continue to staff with one volunteer but they do not have enough volunteer to staff with two. She requested that the Council pay a person 15 hours a week to work with the volunteer. She recommended that we pay this person \$6.00 an hour. Mr. Mosteller asked if they had anyone in mind for this position, she answer no, but that the Library Board would interview and train anyone that is hired.

Mr. Smith suggested that we get a price on bricking all of the Library on the outside. The reason being that the brick on the old part is old and it will be almost impossible to match. Mr. Smith will get an estimate on bricking the whole building, and removing the brick on the old part.

Mr. Mosteller suggested that we get a new sign to go over the front entrance once the building is complete. All agreed, but will wait until building is completed.

Mr. Henderson reported that the week of April 10, is Morgan County Spring Clean-up. Landfill open on April 15 and County will have a truck at Fire Department on April 15 from 9-11.

Minutes of the February 7, 2000, Regular Council Meeting were read, Mr. Alexander made motion to approve, Mr. Collins second, carried. Minutes of the February 18 call meeting were read Mr. Collins made motion to approve, Mr. Smith second, carried with correction of year from 1999 to 2000.. Minutes of the March 2 call meeting were read Mr. Fowler made motion to approve, Mr. Smith second, carried.

FINANCE & EDUCATION - MR. MOSTELLER

Mr. Mosteller reported that all is going well with the buildings, and that we had already covered the Medical building and the Library.

B. UTILITIES - MR. ALEXANDER

Mr. Alexander reported that some of the lights at the ball park had been replaced by Joe Wheeler EMC. We have two lights that continue to go on and off. Mr. Alexander feels that Joe Wheeler did not repair because it was to wet to get the truck into the area. Will keep a check and call Joe Wheeler when dry.

Fire Hydrant is out at Chambers and Hwy 55. Will call water department and see why this has not been repaired.

Ms. Livingston reported that the water meter cover at the Library is broken and needs repairing. Suggested that we put up a pole to keep vehicles off.

C. STREETS, PARKS & CEMETERIES - MR. FOWLER

Mr. Fowler reported that siding man will be at Park on March 15 to remove the siding on the

concession stand.

County graded parking lot And the tractor is in the shop for new brakes.

Mr. Smith reported that Hyland Contractors had submitted a quote of \$3,800. To design the turn land at Jack's Foodland. He gave a signed copy to Clerk for file.

Mr. Fowler suggested that the Council look at the walking trails and decide if we need additional rock.

POLICE & FIRE - MR. SMITH

Mr. Smith stated that Chief Holmes report and request for the fire department stand.

Mr. Smith reported that the County Sheriff Department are going to buy cellular phone/radios asked if the Council would consider buying one for our Deputy. Mr. Smith to check out the cost and report back to the Council.

EMA tornado alert - need grant. Eddie Hicks at Morgan County EMA Office has information, Mayor will take care off.

RECREATION & SANITATION - MR. COLLINS

Mayor to meet with Morgan County Board of Education on Friday to discuss purchasing land from Eva School.

4. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES & OFFICERS

No report

5. HEARINGS ON PETITIONS, APPLCS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, COMMUC. ETC.

No report

6. AUDITING ACCOUNTS - MOTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS & PAY BILLS.

Mr. Mosteller made motion to pay bills, Mr. Collins, second, carried.

7. RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS & OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor reported that he would like to keep the loan on the Medical Building at \$150,000 if possible. We are nearing the completion of the building and he feels that we could pay some of the remaining bills out of the general fund to keep the loan payments down. He ask the Council to consider this and decide at next meeting.

Mayor reported that we needed to vote on a Voting Delegate, To the Annual Convention Business Meeting to be held on May 23, 2000, at the annual convention. Mr. Mosteller made

motion for Mayor, Mr. Fowler second, carried.

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

~~Approved~~

Attest:

~~Eva Town~~ Clerk