



TOWN OF EVA
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MAYOR
KENT CHAMBERS
TOWN CLERK
KIMBERLY CRYER

The minutes of the regular meeting of Eva Town Council were held on April 14, 2026, at 6:30 PM. Present: Mayor Kent Chambers, Council Members: Martin Nelson, Teri Bailey, Ron Ryan, Shelia Dudley, Wes Stephens and Town Clerk Kimberly Cryer, Assistant Clerk Alex Baker

Guests: Josh Livingston, Steve Brown, Paula Brown, Matthew Frost, Joyce Woodall, Joe Hill, Jason Holmes, Michael Caudle, Roger Burrows, Juanita Hill

The mayor called the meeting to order. Kimberly Cryer did a roll call; Shelia Dudley was not present at time of roll call; She came in a few minutes late; the rest of the Council was Present; Mayor Kent Chambers informed all present that we open our meetings with prayer; Councilmember Martin Nelson led in prayer. Councilmember Wes Stephens then led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Kent Chambers requested a motion to approve the minutes of March 10, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, Councilmember Stephens so motioned; Councilmember Nelson seconded; all ayes-motion carried. Mayor Kent Chambers requested a motion to approve the minutes of April 8, 2026, Work Session meeting, Councilmember Bailey so motioned; Councilmember Ryan seconded; all ayes-motion carried.

A. FINANCE, EDUCATION & LIBRARY– MR. RYAN

- Discussed that it was time for the budget review and that we adjusted the budget for general fund. Stated that on the revenue side we increased sales and use tax (4100) \$50,000 making it \$450,000, Rebuild Alabama Gas Tax (4140) \$12,000 making it \$32,000, Franchise Fees (4320) \$10,000 making it \$40,000, Interest Income (4630) \$46,000 making it \$50,000, Special Projects (4700) \$50,000 making it \$450,000, decreased Miscellaneous Income (4650) \$9,000 making it \$6,000. On the expense side we increased Salaries (5000) \$60,000 making it \$290,000, Contingency Fund (5270) \$15,899 making it \$121,507, Miscellaneous Expense (5600) \$6,000 making it \$8,000, Office Expense (5660) \$5,000 making it \$15,000, Professional Services (5740) \$4,000 making it \$20,000, decreased Payroll Taxes (5020) \$14,000 making it \$29,000. Mayor Chambers requested a motion to approve the budget, Councilmember Ryan so motioned; Councilmember Stephens seconded; all ayes-motion carried.
- Announced that most of the CDs came up from renewal and were renewed at 3.75% for 6 months.
- Stated that last Friday we met with an architect to draw up plans for the library. Joe Hill, Mikey Caudle, Kim Cryer, Alex Baker, Joyce Woodall, Julie Mooney, Tania Fowler, Jeff Frost, Martin Nelson, and himself were all there for this meeting. Councilmember Ryan said that Jeff Frost gave a rough estimate based on the plans we received, but that it needs to be discussed more. Mayor Chambers said that he spoke with Senator Orr and that we have secured \$80,000 to help with this project.
- Joyce Woodall, librarian, announced that the attendance at the library last month was 400+ and they must have more room. Stated that the Summer Reading Program will be



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this July and that the Eva Lions Club has donated money to help with it and that the local banks usually donate as well to help with costs.

B. UTILITIES & STREETS – MRS. BAILEY

- Councilmember Bailey said that she spoke with Matthew Frost and that the paving for Sanders Road is still set for May.
- Announced that putting in more power to the maintenance building has been completed and asked Joe Hill and Mikey Caudle their thoughts. Mikey Caudle said that it is working good so far.

C. PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERIES – MRS. DUDLEY

- Councilmember Dudley announced that the windscreens are done and have been put up and encouraged everyone to go check them out and that they look great.
- Announced that the concrete pad is complete at the ballfields and that all they like is getting it enclosed around it and the dumpster to properly store the dirt.
- Councilmember Dudley thanked Matthew Frost, Joe Hill, and Mikey Caudle for all their help in getting the drainpipe in at the ballfields and that they did a wonderful job on it. Said that she took the caution tape down that was around it a few days ago.
- Stated that getting the fans and louvers in the batting cages is a work in progress and that they are still waiting for some supplies to come in to complete this job. Stated that Jeff Frost put in some temporary LED lights inside the batting cages and that it really brightened it up and got quotes on getting them installed. The quote for the LED lights installed by Jeff Frost is \$2,500. Councilmember Dudley so motioned; Councilmember Stephens seconded; all ayes-motion carried.

D. POLICE, FIRE & GRANTS – MR. STEPHENS

- Announced that he has been looking into getting old military equipment for the Veterans Memorial Park. He said that he would recommend an artillery piece due to it being smaller and easier to maintain. Explained that if we get a piece of equipment, it then becomes our responsibility to maintain it and that there are certain requirements that must be met. Councilmember Stephens said that it would be a little bit of an expense for the town but believes that we could get some volunteers to help with the upkeep. Councilmember Bailey asked where the piece of equipment would go if we got it. Councilmember Stephens said that there are a few places that it could go at the Veterans Memorial Park, but we couldn't determine an exact place for it until we knew the size of it. Mayor Chambers thanked Councilmember Stephens for looking into it.
- Announced that the Volunteer Fire Department is having a blood drive on April 18 from 9-2 and encouraged everyone to come out and give blood.
- Announced that the Volunteer Fire Department had their spring cleanout this past weekend and thanked everyone who helped with that.



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E. SANITATION & BUILDINGS- MR. NELSON

- Councilmember Nelson said that the cabinet man is waiting for the countertops to come in because they had to be special made before he can install the new cabinets for the Dentist Office.
- Councilmember Nelson stated that Kim Cryer, Town Clerk, did some research for him on how much the town has spent on the medical building all the way back to 2022 and said that he thinks the rent should be raised to \$700 a month for both tenants, to maintain and upgrade the buildings as needed. Councilmember Nelson said that a better job needs to be done than it has been in the past. Councilmember Stephens said that there is no reason to not increase the rent at this point. Mayor Chambers said that Kim Cryer, Town Clerk, researched how long the rent has been set at \$500 a month and that she went all the way back to 2010 and it was \$500 then and seen no reason to go back any further to look. Councilmember Stephens said that he looked at commercial real estate rates for rural Alabama and that \$500 a month for the square footage that is there is way less than needs to be. Town Clerk Kim Cryer asked since the dentist's office has less square footage than the doctor's office, will they both be paying the same amount. Mayor Chambers said that he spoke with both the dentist's office and doctor's office and that the price will be the same for both and if the dentist's office wants or needs upgrades then the town can look into doing it. Mayor Chambers requested a motion to raise the rent to \$700 a month for both. Councilmember Nelson so motioned; Councilmember Bailey seconded;

Mayor Chambers	Yea	Council Member Bailey	Yea
Council Member Dudley	Yea	Council Member Ryan	No
Council Member Nelson	Yea	Council Member Stephens	Yea

F. HEARINGS ON PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

- Juanita Hill thanked the Mayor and Council for all they do and for letting GED classes be held at Eva Town Hall. She announced that there have been 17 completers so far and that it means a lot to her and changes the lives of students. She said that it is such a blessing to be apart of the Town and thanked everyone who has a part in helping. Mayor Chambers stated that he appreciates all that she does.
- Jason Holmes, Fire Chief, asked if the town purchases a vehicle for the Morgan County Sheriff that we are under contract with. Mayor Chambers said that per our contract with them we do purchase a vehicle for the Sheriff every 4, maybe 5 years, that we would have to go back and look to be certain. Jason Holmes said that when we find out when it is time to



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purchase another vehicle, he has a plan he wants to run by the Mayor and Council. Jason Holmes also asked if the Volunteer Fire Department was on the list to seal and stripe their parking lot because it looks rough. Mayor Chambers said that they were on the list to look into getting them done.

G. AUDITING ACCOUNTS – MOTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS & PAY BILLS

- The mayor requested a motion to pay bills. Councilmember Dudley so motioned; Councilmember Stephens seconded; All Ayes-motion carried.

H. RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS & OR BUSINESS - Mayor Chambers

Presented RESOLUTION 26-04-01 A RESOLUTION DECLARING PERSONAL PROPERTY SURPLUS AND ORDERING DISPOSITION OF SAME

Council Member Ryan 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 Resolution 26-04-01 to be finally passed and adopted at this meeting.

That Council Member Dudley seconded this motion.

That the presiding officer put the question of final passage and the adoption of said Resolution to vote of the council, and on call of the roll the results were as follows:

Mayor Chambers	Yea	Council Member Bailey	Yea
Council Member Dudley	Yea	Council Member Ryan	Yea
Council Member Nelson	Yea	Council Member Stephens	Yea

That the presiding officer declares the motion adopted by unanimous vote of the members present.

Council Member Ryan moved that the said Resolution 26-04-01 be finally passed and adopted as introduced.

That Council Member Dudley seconded this motion.

That the presiding officer put the question of final passage and the adoption of said Resolution to vote of the council, and on call of the roll the results were as follows:

Mayor Chambers	Yea	Council Member Bailey	Yea
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Finance, Education, & Library
Ron Ryan

Police, Fire, & Grants
Wes Stephens

Council Members
Utilities & Streets
Teri Bailey

Sanitation & Buildings
Martin "Bear" Nelson

Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries
Shelia Dudley



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Council Member Dudley Yea
Council Member Nelson Yea

Council Member Ryan Yea
Council Member Stephens Yea

The presiding officer announced the result of the vote and declared the Resolution 26-04-01 finally passed and adopted.

Presented ORDINANCE 26-04-01 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 91-2 OF THE TOWN OF EVA

Council Member Bailey moved that all rules governing the council which might unless suspended, prevent the passage and adoption of the Ordinance at this meeting, be and the same are hereby suspended for the purpose of permitting the said Ordinance 26-04-01 to be finally passed and adopted at this meeting.

That Council Member Dudley seconded this motion.

That the presiding officer put the question of final passage and the adoption of said Ordinance to vote of the council, and on call of the roll the results were as follows:

Mayor Chambers	Yea	Council Member Bailey	Yea
Council Member Dudley	Yea	Council Member Ryan	Yea
Council Member Nelson	Yea	Council Member Stephens	Yea

That the presiding officer declares the motion adopted by unanimous vote of the members present.

Council Member Bailey moved that the said Ordinance 26-04-01 be finally passed and adopted as introduced.

That Council Member Dudley seconded this motion.

That the presiding officer put the question of final passage and the adoption of said Ordinance to vote of the council, and on call of the roll the results were as follows:

Mayor Chambers	Yea	Council Member Bailey	Yea
Council Member Dudley	Yea	Council Member Ryan	Yea
Council Member Nelson	Yea	Council Member Stephens	Yea



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The presiding officer announced the result of the vote and declared the Ordinance 26-04-01 finally passed and adopted.

I. NEW BUSINESS - Mayor Chambers

- Announced that the Mayor of the Town of Mooresville reached out to him to see if the Town of Eva was going to continue mosquito spraying for them. Mayor Chambers said that Kim Cryer, Town Clerk, drew up an agreement for the Mayor or Mooresville to sign and for Mayor Chambers to sign. The agreement will include that it will be \$145 per trip to spray for them. Councilmember Stephens so motioned; Councilmember Bailey seconded; all ayes-motion carried.
- Mayor Chambers said that the Town of Eva has never charged a late fee for business license. Business licenses are due January 31 and some businesses will come in and pay as late as November. Stated that he would like to look into charging a late fee for business licenses starting January 2027 and send out notices to businesses beforehand letting them know that a late fee will be charged if past due. Councilmember Stephens said that he thinks that this has been an issue for a while and agreed that charging a late fee is necessary. Councilmember Stephens recommended that we attach it to a percentage per month for the late fee. Mayor Chambers requested a motion to pursue charging a late fee for business licenses starting January 2027. Councilmember Stephens so motioned; Councilmember Ryan seconded; all ayes-motioned carried.

J. OLD BUSINESS- Mayor Chambers

- Announced that the handrails have been installed and are ADA compliant. Said that there are 3 up in the town, one at Town Hall, one at the library, and one in front of Dollar General.
- Stated that they are looking into sealing and striping the park and pavilion parking lots and the pickleball courts. The quote that he got from the Jones Brothers is \$14,200 and that is a discounted price because the company had some materials left over from a previous job. Councilmember Dudley so motioned; Councilmember Bailey seconded; all ayes-motion carried.
- Announced that the packet he handed out is the updated projects list and that the black items are completed projects.



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Mayor Kent Chambers requested a motion to adjourn, Councilmember Nelson so motioned, Councilmember Ryan seconded; All Ayes- motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

Mayor Kent Chambers

ATTEST:

Town Clerk Kimberly Cryer