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The minutes of the regular meeting of Eva Town Council were held on May 12, 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: Senator Orr, Josh Livingston, Joyce Woodall, Joe Hill, Kenneth Golden, Athelia Gibbs, Julie Mooney, Blaire Drummond,

The mayor called the meeting to order. Kimberly Cryer did a roll call; All 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 Chambers welcomed Senator Orr; Senator Orr announced that he had a check to present to the library for \$5,000. He stated that he has helped secure \$80,000 through RC&D to help with the library addition and that if they needed anything else to reach out to him and let him know. He also stated that he received a letter from us earlier today that he has already signed off on to help with Frontier Days. Senator Orr said that he is working on helping the school with new and updated playground equipment. The Mayor and Council thanked Senator Orr for all his help and support.

Mayor Chambers introduced Athelia Gibbs. Athelia Gibbs announced that on July 3rd at 10AM at Sportsman's Lake Park Veterans Memorial Park, the Dripping Springs DAR of Cullman will be dedicating a revolutionary war monument for the America 250th Celebration and invited everyone to come out and be a part of it.

Mayor Kent Chambers requested a motion to approve the minutes of April 14, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, Councilmember Stephens so motioned; Councilmember Dudley seconded; all ayes-motion carried. Mayor Kent Chambers requested a motion to approve the minutes of May 4, 2026, Work Session meeting, Councilmember Bailey so motioned; Councilmember Stephens seconded; all ayes-motion carried.

A. FINANCE, EDUCATION & LIBRARY– MR. RYAN

- Announced that the library has a CD coming up for renewal on May 17th. Councilmember Ryan stated that we could renew it for 3 months at 3.75% or for 12 months at 3.75%. Councilmember Ryan recommended that it be renewed for 12 months at 3.75%. Councilmember Ryan so motioned; Councilmember Dudley seconded; all ayes-motion carried.
- Councilmember Ryan said that he has been looking into insurance for employees for a while now and says that the best option is to go with local.gov. With the local.gov option for the first 90 days we will be paying a standard rate and after we will go to a preferred rate if wellness checks are followed. Councilmember Ryan said that he recommended that the town pays 100% of the employees and 85% of the families. He also stated that to be eligible for insurance you must work 30+ hours a week. Mayor Chambers asked the Council if any further discussion was needed before voting on



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getting insurance for employees. Council was all in agreeance that no further discussion was needed. Councilmember Ryan so motioned; Councilmember Nelson seconded; all ayes-motion carried.

- Councilmember Ryan stated that the case study for RSA has been completed and that it would need to be discussed at the next work session before voting on it. Councilmember Ryan also said that he recommends that the work session be scheduled before Kimberly Cryer, Town Clerk, leaves to go out of town.
- Councilmember Ryan said that he has been communicating with the architect who is working on the library addition and asked her to do a sketch enclosing the porch making it a storage room. Mayor Chambers stated that Kimberly Cryer, Town Clerk, researched what the cost difference would be between the original sketch that has a porch and the new sketch that will enclose the porch and make it a storage room. Kimberly Cryer stated that after talking with the architect they think it will only be around a \$5,000-\$10,000 price difference. Mayor Chambers requested a motion to move forward with the library addition and going with the sketch that adds a storage room.

Councilmember Ryan so motioned; Councilmember Bailey seconded.

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

- Mayor Chambers stated that with moving forward with the architect and the library addition he will need to sign the service agreement with ABSmith Architecture. Councilmember Stephens so motioned; Councilmember Ryan seconded; all ayes-motion carried.

B. UTILITIES & STREETS – MRS. BAILEY

- Councilmember Bailey announced that she reached out to Matthew Frost, Commissioner, about the pothole at the 4-way stop. She said that he got to it quickly and that it's already fixed. Stated that she would get up with him and thank him for all that he does.

C. PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERIES – MRS. DUDLEY

- Councilmember Dudley stated that we are still waiting for Jeff Frost to finish the work in the batting cages.
- Councilmember Dudley said that she wants to get another quote on replacing the lights that we have out at the ballfield to LED and then start trying to replace them as they go out with LED.
- Mayor Chambers stated that he will get in touch with Matthew Frost to see about getting the new drainpipe at the ballfields covered to make it safer and to keep kids from climbing in it.



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- Mayor Chambers said that he is working on getting a quote from a company that is installing a miracle field in Madison, to see what it will cost the town to install a hard surface at our playground to make it handicap accessible.

D. POLICE, FIRE & GRANTS – MR. STEPHENS

- Councilmember Stephens announced that the Memorial Day Ceremony is coming up on May 25 at 9AM. He said that we have the handouts ready for the Veterans, the PA system is ready to go, and the taps man is good to come. Councilmember Stephens asked Councilmember Dudley if she had asked the girl from her church to sing; Councilmember Dudley said she did ask her and that the girl was going to give her an answer by this Sunday. Mayor Chambers said if she can't do it to let him know and he would ask around.
- Councilmember Stephens announced that we will be getting the grant for frontier days per Senator Orr and that we are very appreciative of that.
- Stated that the Volunteer Fire Department was asking about a truck through the police department and if the town has to purchase a vehicle for the county sheriff, that the town contracts out. Councilmember Stephens said that he spoke with Officer Riley and they determined that the only truck they have is an F150 and it would not have the power to do what the Volunteer Fire Department would need it for.
- Mayor Chambers thanked Councilmember Stephens for all the work he has done on fixing the flashing school signs. Mayor Chambers asked Kimberly Cryer, Town Clerk, to send him the quote of the part that needs repaired and that he would get it over to Tracie Turrentine for the school board to purchase.

E. SANITATION & BUILDINGS- MR. NELSON

- Councilmember Nelson asked the mayor why "cemeteries" is on the agenda as part of Councilmember Dudley's responsibilities. Mayor Chambers said that it's because the town purchased the Livingston property for the future expansion of the cemetery. Councilmember Stephens said we don't need to have anything to do with the cemetery due to them being a private entity and doesn't like the idea of ever taking over the cemetery because it then becomes the town's responsibility to maintain it and keep it up to certain standards.

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

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

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



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

I. NEW BUSINESS - Mayor Chambers

J. OLD BUSINESS- Mayor Chambers

- Announced that he has mosquito sprayed the Town of Mooresville and the Town of Eva a few times already this year.
- Mayor Chambers handed out an updated list of projects and ideas and asked everyone to look at it.

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

APPROVED:

Mayor Kent Chambers

ATTEST:

Town Clerk Kimberly Cryer