



TOWN OF EVA
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EVA, ALABAMA 35621

MAYOR
Kent Chambers
TOWN CLERK
KIMBERLY CRYER

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

Guests: Matt Widner, Haden Holmes, Carter Holmes, Josh Livingston, Kevin Bailey, Steve Brown, Paula Brown, Randy Humphries, Jason Holmes, Blaire Drummond, Edsel Childers, Cody Frost, Senator Orr,

Before the meeting was called to order, Senator Orr presented the Mayor and Council with a check for Frontier Days. Senator Orr had to leave before the meeting due to obligations.

The mayor called the meeting to order. Kimberly Cryer did a roll call; Shelia Dudley not present; All others 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 Introduced Haden Holmes. Haden Holmes requested that his property of 30 acres be deannexed out of the Town limits. He stated that his plan is to farm that property and build 3-4 chicken houses on it through Tyson. Mayor Chambers stated that this is new territory for everyone because the Town has never deannexed property out of the Town limits before and that he did reach out to the Town lawyer on the process of deannexation. The lawyer said there are two ways to deannex. You first must come to a council meeting and get approval from Council, if Council does not approve the deannexation you will then have to go to the Senator and Representative and get them to sponsor a bill for you to be deannexed. Mayor Chambers also stated that the Town does not have any zoning ordinances so the Council could not stop them from putting chicken houses up if the chicken company allows it. Haden Holmes stated that Tyson told him that his first step is to get deannexed and then they would move forward on the next steps of building chicken houses. Mayor Chambers stated that he would like to do more research before coming to a decision tonight and then asked Council their thoughts.

Councilmember Stephens stated that he personally believes that it is a God given right to do what you want with your property and that his only ask was if they are able to deannex and things don't go as planned and they can't build chicken houses to consider annexing back into the Town limits.

Councilmember Nelson stated that he has no issues with it but agrees that we should do more research on it. Councilmember Bailey stated that she agrees with Councilmember Stephens and that Eva is known as a farming community but would like to do some more research as well. Councilmember Ryan stated that he has no issues with it, but that Haden Holmes really needs to research it on his end and not get into something that may hurt him in the future. Haden Holmes stated that even though he wants to build chicken houses, they need to keep in mind that if he sells the property, it could be way worse. Councilmember Stephens stated that even though they all want to research this situation a little deeper that he does not want to prolong the decision for Hayden Holmes so he can start the process of what he needs to do. Mayor Chambers and the Council agreed with Councilmember Stephens and agreed to have it on the agenda for the next Council Meeting and to vote on it then.



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Mayor Kent Chambers requested a motion to approve the minutes of June 9, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, Councilmember Stephens so motioned; Councilmember Ryan seconded; all ayes-motion carried. Mayor Kent Chambers requested a motion to approve the minutes of July 7, 2026, Work Session meeting, Councilmember Bailey so motioned; Councilmember Nelson seconded; all ayes-motion carried.

A. FINANCE, EDUCATION & LIBRARY– MR. RYAN

- Councilmember Ryan stated that the Town has been looking into RSA Retirement for the employees. Mayor Chambers stated that it will be \$83,338 upfront to join RSA Retirement. Councilmember Ryan made a motion to approve RSA Retirement for the employees; Councilmember Nelson seconded; all ayes-motion carried.
- Councilmember Ryan stated that Matthew Frost has started the dirt work at the library.

B. UTILITIES & STREETS – MRS. BAILEY

- Councilmember Bailey announced that she spoke with Matthew Frost, and he said that they are going to start back up on Sanders Road in August and get it finished up.
- Councilmember Bailey stated that she has been looking into ways to make the 4-way safer and has decided that the best option right now is to get reflective signs and tape to put up at the stop signs, stop ahead signs, and curve sign. She stated that Kimberly Cryer reached out to Joe Wheeler and they gave us permission to put reflective tape on their poles since the stop signs at the 4-way are on their poles. For the rest of the signs, she wants to do aluminum reflective signs down the pole. Councilmember Bailey made a motion to purchase the reflective signs and tape; Councilmember Stephens seconded; all ayes-motion carried.

C. PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERIES – MRS. DUDLEY

- Mayor Chambers stated that the activities want to change out the disconnects for the lights at the ballfields and that the quote to do that is \$1,300. Councilmember Bailey asked if this is something that the activities are paying for or is the Town paying for it. Councilmember Stephens suggested that they split the cost. Councilmember Stephens so motioned; Councilmember Ryan seconded; all ayes-motion carried.
- Mayor Chambers said that the refs for baseball and softball currently get paid in cash which is not a good policy and wants to start giving them 1099s and paying them with checks weekly to have a paper trail. Councilmember Stephens so motioned; Councilmember Bailey seconded; all ayes-motion carried.
- Mayor Chambers announced that he picked up the new playground equipment and plans to install it in the next few days.



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D. POLICE, FIRE & GRANTS – MR. STEPHENS

- Councilmember Stephens stated that the Volunteer Fire Department has requested that the Town pay half the cost of the LED sign due to a lot of expenses coming out for turnout gear, airpacks, and radios. Mayor Chambers stated that we are looking at new LED signs for the Town Hall and Volunteer Fire Department and suggested someone make a motion to approve the Town purchasing a new LED sign for Town Hall and to pay half of the cost for the Volunteer Fire Departments sign and take the older LED sign from the Volunteer Fire Department and move it to Shorty Ryan Park. Councilmember Stephens so motioned; Councilmember Bailey seconded; all ayes-motion carried.
- Councilmember Stephens stated that he is still waiting for an email from flock cameras with an updated contract and price. He also stated that he has had some feedback from people in the Town requesting that Morgan County take the cameras over since they are the ones that use them. Councilmember Stephens said that he wants to look into that option as well or possibly put that as part of the deputy contract.
- Councilmember Stephens stated that Senator Orr presented the Town with a \$2,500 check for Frontier Days and that we are very appreciative of that.

E. SANITATION & BUILDINGS- MR. NELSON

- Councilmember Nelson stated that he has no updates this month.

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 Ryan seconded; All Ayes-motion carried.
- Councilmember Stephens pointed out and thanked Kimberly Cryer on how much she has done and for moving money around into CDs to make the Town more money.

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

Presented RESOLUTION 26-07-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EVA, ALABAMA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION FOR A LIBRARY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000)

Council Member Bailey 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 26-07-01 to be finally passed and adopted at this meeting.



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That Council Member Nelson 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	Not Present	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 Resolution 26-07-01 be finally passed and adopted as introduced.

That Council Member Nelson 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	Not Present	Council Member Ryan	Yea
Council Member Nelson	Yea	Council Member Stephens	Yea

The presiding officer announced the result of the vote and declared the Resolution 26-07-01 finally passed and adopted.

I. NEW BUSINESS - Mayor Chambers

- Stated he is looking at getting new truck signs for the Town Vehicles so residents can see that it is a Town Vehicle when they are on their property. The cost of these signs will be \$225. Councilmember Stephens so motioned; Councilmember Ryan Seconded; all ayes-motion carried.
- Stated that annually the Mental Health Institute out of Decatur requests a donation from the Town of \$1,000 and that annually the Town donates \$1,000 and he would like to continue that. He stated that they did include helping 13 residents of the Town of Eva last year.



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Councilmember Nelson so motioned; Councilmember Ryan seconded; all ayes-motion carried.

- Stated that the AirMedCare Contract is up for renewal for the Town of Eva residents and explained that this is a service for all the residents to receive AirMedCare if needed and is paid for by the Town. The cost of this is \$8,831. Councilmember Ryan stated that he used to pay for this service privately and that the price that the Town is getting for all its residents is a great price. Councilmember Ryan so motioned; Councilmember Bailey seconded; all ayes-motion carried.
- Mayor Chambers handed out updated monthly reports of projects and ideas for the Town and said that everything in black has been completed and that everything in blue has not been completed. Stated that after tonight everything on the employees list will be blacked out and completed.

J. OLD BUSINESS- Mayor Chambers

Mayor Chambers requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Nelson so motioned; Councilmember Ryan seconded; all ayes-motion carried.

APPROVED:

Mayor Kent Chambers

ATTEST:

Town Clerk Kimberly Cryer