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MAYOR
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KIMBERLY CRYER

TOWN OF EVA, ALABAMA

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

October 13, 2026 – 6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Eva Town Council was held on October 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Kent Chambers called the meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL

Town Clerk Kimberly Cryer conducted roll call. The following officials were present:

- Mayor Kent Chambers
- Council Member Martin Nelson
- Council Member Teri Bailey
- Council Member Wes Stephens
- Council Member Ron Ryan
- Council Member Shelia Dudley
- Town Clerk Kimberly Cryer
- Assistant Clerk Alex Baker

All members of the Town Council were present.

Guests Present: Julie Mooney, Josh Mooney, and Roger Burrows.

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Chambers informed those present that Town Council meetings are opened with prayer. Council Member Martin Nelson led the invocation, followed by Council Member Wes Stephens leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2026

Mayor Chambers requested a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2026, Regular Town Council Meeting. Council Member Wes Stephens made the motion, and Council Member Shelia Dudley seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

B. Work Session Minutes – October 1, 2026

Mayor Chambers requested a motion to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2026, Work Session. Council Member Martin Nelson made the motion, and Council Member Teri Bailey seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Finance, Education & Library – Council Member Ron Ryan

Council Member Ryan reported that the library lift project is progressing.

Council Member Ryan stated that the dedication ceremony for the new playground at Eva School had taken place the previous week. Mayor Chambers reported that he attended the dedication and that the event went very well. He noted that Eva Bank donated matching shirts for the children and that the new playground looked very nice.

Mayor Chambers reminded Council Members Ryan and Nelson to contact Eva School and Brewer High School to determine how the schools intend to use the funds donated by the Town.

Julie Mooney, Librarian, announced that Authors Night would be held at the library on Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. She encouraged everyone to attend. Mrs. Mooney also reminded those present that November 1, 2026, is the deadline to purchase a Christmas tree for Christmas on Eva Mountain. She encouraged residents to purchase a tree and volunteer to help with setup when the time comes.

B. Utilities & Streets – Council Member Teri Bailey

Council Member Bailey presented the need to patch, seal, and stripe the parking lots at the Multipurpose Center and the ballfields. The quoted cost for both parking lots was $32,500.

Council Member Bailey made a motion to approve the parking lot work at the quoted cost of $32,500. Council Member Wes Stephens seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

C. Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries – Council Member Shelia Dudley

Council Member Dudley reported that she had confirmed with the travel ball team that they would stay off the parking lot until the patching, sealing, and striping work was completed.

She also discussed the team's plans to improve the ballfields. The team's next goal is to remove the grass from Field 3 and coordinate with the Town's maintenance personnel to determine whether the sod can be repurposed.

Council Member Dudley stated that once upgrades begin at the hitting facility, she wants to ensure that the facility is secured and kept locked.

Town Clerk Kimberly Cryer reported that she had received a telephone call earlier that day from an individual asking who was responsible for paying the lighting costs associated with the travel ball team's use of Eva's fields. Mrs. Cryer stated that she informed the caller that the Town of Eva pays for the lights in exchange for improvements being made to the ballfields by the travel ball team. She further noted that the team had already installed three new pitching mounds.

D. Police, Fire & Grants – Council Member Wes Stephens

Council Member Stephens reported that the Eva Volunteer Fire Department would host a Trunk or Treat event on October 31, 2026, at the Fire Department.

Council Member Stephens also reported that Officer Riley had informed the Council that dispatch had contacted him and attempted to reassign him away from Eva. Officer Riley declined the reassignment, and the Sheriff supported his decision.

E. Sanitation & Buildings – Council Member Martin Nelson

Council Member Nelson reported that a door had been added to the quote for the storage building, as discussed during the October 1, 2026, Work Session. The revised quote totaled $14,415.

Council Member Nelson made a motion to approve the revised storage building quote of $14,415. Council Member Bailey seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Chambers explained that the storage building would be used to store decorations and help eliminate the need to keep them in multiple locations throughout the Town.

Council Member Nelson also reported that the cabinets for the dentist's office were expected to be completed the following week.

Mayor Chambers stated that he had attempted to contact Gilbreath Cabinets to recover the Town's money. He indicated that he would make another attempt to speak with the company before referring the matter to the Town Attorney.

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

A. Travel Ball Team Use of Town Ballfields

Roger Burrows asked how an out-of-town travel ball team was permitted to use the Town's ballfields.

Mayor Chambers explained that children from Eva also participate on the team and that the team is making improvements to the ballfields in exchange for their use. Mayor Chambers further stated that the travel ball team's activities would not interfere with the Town's Parks and Recreation ball programs.

B. Food Truck Events

Mr. Burrows suggested that the Town consider designating one day each month during the summer for food trucks to visit Eva. He stated that other towns and cities hold similar events and that they typically attract good attendance.

Mayor Chambers thanked Mr. Burrows for the suggestion and stated that the Council would keep the idea in mind.

7. AUDITING OF ACCOUNTS – TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mayor Chambers requested a motion to approve payment of the Town's bills.

Council Member Nelson made the motion, and Council Member Dudley seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

8. RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 26-10-01

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THIRTEEN EVA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THEIR DONATION TO THE BURNOUT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Chambers presented Resolution No. 26-10-01 for consideration.

Council Member Wes Stephens moved to suspend the rules governing the Town Council that would otherwise prevent the resolution from being considered and finally adopted at the same meeting. Council Member Ron Ryan seconded the motion.

The presiding officer called for a vote on the motion to suspend the rules. The vote was recorded as follows:

- Mayor Kent Chambers: Yea
- Council Member Teri Bailey: Yea
- Council Member Shelia Dudley: Yea
- Council Member Ron Ryan: Yea
- Council Member Martin Nelson: Yea
- Council Member Wes Stephens: Yea

The motion to suspend the rules was approved unanimously by the members present.

Council Member Stephens then moved that Resolution No. 26-10-01 be finally passed and adopted as introduced. Council Member Ryan seconded the motion.

The presiding officer called for a vote on final passage and adoption. The vote was recorded as follows:

- Mayor Kent Chambers: Yea
- Council Member Teri Bailey: Yea
- Council Member Shelia Dudley: Yea
- Council Member Ron Ryan: Yea
- Council Member Martin Nelson: Yea
- Council Member Wes Stephens: Yea

The presiding officer announced that Resolution No. 26-10-01 had been finally passed and adopted unanimously by the members present.

B. Resolution No. 26-10-02

A RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING, CONFIRMING, AND RATIFYING THE TOWN OF EVA BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026–2027

Mayor Chambers presented Resolution No. 26-10-02 for consideration.

Council Member Shelia Dudley moved to suspend the rules governing the Town Council that would otherwise prevent the resolution from being considered and finally adopted at the same meeting. Council Member Teri Bailey seconded the motion.

The presiding officer called for a vote on the motion to suspend the rules. The vote was recorded as follows:

- Mayor Kent Chambers: Yea
- Council Member Teri Bailey: Yea
- Council Member Shelia Dudley: Yea
- Council Member Ron Ryan: Yea
- Council Member Martin Nelson: Yea
- Council Member Wes Stephens: Yea

The motion to suspend the rules was approved unanimously by the members present.

Council Member Dudley then moved that Resolution No. 26-10-02 be finally passed and adopted as introduced. Council Member Bailey seconded the motion.

The presiding officer called for a vote on final passage and adoption. The vote was recorded as follows:

- Mayor Kent Chambers: Yea
- Council Member Teri Bailey: Yea
- Council Member Shelia Dudley: Yea
- Council Member Ron Ryan: Yea
- Council Member Martin Nelson: Yea
- Council Member Wes Stephens: Yea

The presiding officer announced that Resolution No. 26-10-02 had been finally passed and adopted unanimously by the members present.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. ADECA Part Store Grant Update

Mayor Chambers reported that he had received an email from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) requesting an update regarding the Part Store grant. ADECA requested a letter outlining the current status of the project.

Mayor Chambers stated that the letter had been sent that day and that, to his knowledge, the business owner had made no progress on the project.

B. Keypad Locks for Town Facilities

Mayor Chambers discussed access to the Multipurpose Center and reported that a quote of $300 had been received for a keypad lock that would allow the building to be unlocked remotely, making access more convenient when the facility is rented on weekends.

Council Member Dudley expressed interest in purchasing a keypad lock for the hitting facility at the same time so that both locks could be installed on the same day.

Council Member Wes Stephens made a motion to approve the purchase of the keypad lock system for the Town facilities as discussed. Council Member Shelia Dudley seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. Multipurpose Center Rental Agreement and Application

Mayor Chambers reported that Town Clerk Kimberly Cryer had prepared a new rental agreement and application for the Multipurpose Center. The documents had been discussed during the October 1, 2026, Work Session and reviewed by the Council.

Mayor Chambers stated that the rental fee would remain $100, with a $50 security deposit.

Mayor Chambers requested a motion to approve the revised rental agreement and application.

Council Member Ron Ryan made the motion, and Council Member Martin Nelson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

B. Town Projects and Ideas List

Mayor Chambers distributed an updated list of Town projects and ideas. He stated that this would be the last printed list he distributed and that he planned to create a shared Google Docs document that all Council Members could access and review.

Mayor Chambers noted that the updated list included repairing the wood trim on the front porch of Town Hall and painting the bathrooms at the Multipurpose Center.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Chambers requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Council Member Nelson made the motion, and Council Member Bailey seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

Mayor Kent Chambers

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Kimberly Cryer, Town Clerk

Date: _____

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