City of Eudora

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Eudora, Chicot County, Arkansas 71640

STEPHEN TISDALE, MAYOR **BOARD OF ALDERMAN**

JOSEPH MAZZANTI, ATTORNEY HOWARD BROWN DEBORAH SCOTT

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FRANK FARRIS ROBERT THOMAS, JR.

BEULAH MAIDEN MARCO TONEY

MINUTES OF THE EUDORA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stephen Tisdale at 6:06 p.m. There were 8 aldermen present when meeting was called to order.

Alderman Beulah Maiden moved, Alderman Charlene Taylor seconded that May 11, 2016 regular council meeting minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Financial/Treasurer’s Report, Clark Terrell, CPA- Mr. Terrell read prepared statement that all payroll taxes due and payable during the months of April and May 2016 have been paid. With the exception of the payroll taxes owed for 2010 and 2011, there are no unpaid payroll taxes for any period. Balance owed after May 19, 2016 is approximately $80,600.00. Tax lien release for 2010 received. Alderman Travis Collins moved, alderman Frank Farris seconded that Financial report be approved. Motion carried.

Verizon Cell Tower buy out options discussed. Verizon Cell Tower offering a lump sum of $57,000 (trying to get $60,000) buy out, Park grant match for city 50% of $132,000. Mayor Tisdale asked City Council to consider accepting the buyout and that money could be used for grant match. No motion offered.

Discussion of Backhoe lease at $250 per mth for a minimum of 3years (1200x12x36 months=$45,000) $15,000 for repair of backhoe vs $45,000 for next 3 years lease is the question for decision making. The rebuilt engine comes with a 90-day warranty. Alderman Howard Brown recommended the repair of the Backhoe vs leasing the Backhoe. Alderman Marco Toney moved, Aldermen Travis Collins/Frank Farris seconded that the Backhoe be repaired ($20,000 allocated for repairs). Motion carried.

City Code Enforcer-Code Enforcer David Jones has approximately 20 to 30 notices for delinquent property owners. Alderman Beulah Maiden reported that it had been reported to her Mr. Taylor property on Swanigan and Front Street had sewage leakage. After investigation Alderman Maiden reported that there is no substantiation to the allegation. Ordinances and notices related to vacant lots and dilapidated housing need to be re-done/re-worded.

In response to questions, Code Enforcer David Jones stated that a state ordinance states that a camper had to be moved several times during a year, it has to be connected to its own meter and cannot be permanently fixed/stationed.

Discussion of courtroom becoming permanent voting post discussed. Alderman Robert Thomas moved, Alderman Frank Farris seconded that Courtroom become a permanent voting post. Motion carried.

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Mayor Tisdale informed council that repairs on roof of city hall is estimated to be about $5175 and old fire department building $2175. Insurance deductible is $1,000. Insurance Adjuster will be coming Wednesday.

C02 Contract bulk order is $1800 per month. Alderman Robert Thomas moved, Alderman Charlene Taylor seconded that Mayor Tisdale is authorized to enter into contract with Air Gas for water quality. Motion carried.

Alderman Travis Collins moved, Alderman Howard Brown seconded that Hunter Street be blocked off for Family Reunion on July 4th, 2016, 12 noon to 12 midnight. Motion carried.

Alderman Beulah Maiden moved, Alderman Debra Scott seconded that trip/attendance to conference on injuries and crimes against children for Chief El Amin be approved. Motion carried.

Comments from Audience/Citizens:

* Water leakage on Baker Street
* Easement Letters need to be completed and submitted-Alderman Beulah Maiden and Alderman Debra Scott will work with citizens to get them done. Alderman Debra Scott offered her Notary Services for free to citizens for Easement Letters.
* Ms. Tiny Vail requested orange cones be placed at doctor’s office next door to Eudora Drugstore during 4th Wednesday Court times to alleviate parking issues. Council and Chief El Amin agreed.
* Ms. Angie Catria with the Press introduced herself and made herself and press services available to community when requested.

Meeting adjourned 7:24 p.m.

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Stephen Tisdale, Mayor Juanita Burton, City Clerk