City of Eudora

239 S Main Street

Eudora, Chicot County, Arkansas 71640

STEPHEN TISDALE, MAYOR **BOARD OF ALDERMAN**

JOSEPH MAZZANTI, ATTORNEY HOWARD BROWN DEBORAH SCOTT

JUANITA BURTON, CLERK TRAVI S COLLINS CHARLENE TAYLOR

FRANK FARRIS ROBERT THOMAS, JR.

BEULAH MAIDEN MARCO TONEY

MINUTES OF THE EUDORA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stephen Tisdale at 6:00 p.m. There were 7 aldermen present when meeting was called to order. Alderman Charlene Taylor was absent.

Alderman Robert Thomas moved, Alderman Beulah Maiden seconded that April 4, 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 March and April 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. The April installment payment of $9,100 for the payroll taxes owed to IRS for 2010 and 2011 was paid on time on April 13, 2016.

The balance owed to IRS on April 30, 2016 is approximately $90,352.58. Alderman Frank Farris moved, Robert Thomas seconded that the Financial Report be approved. Motion carried.

City Attorney-Joseph Mazzanti III reported the following:

1. Ordinances for putting 4-way stop sign at intersection (Arch/Baker Street)
2. Ambulance Service-Ambulance Service rep stated Security as the issue preventing ambulance being housed in Eudora. Ambulance Service rep has agreed to meet with council members to discuss issues. A committee was established to address issues surrounding ambulance service consisting of:
   1. Mayor Tisdale -Ex Officio member
   2. Deborah Scott
   3. Beulah Maiden
   4. Howard Brown
   5. Travis Collins
   6. Frank Farris

In response to Security issue, Mayor Tisdale reported that a grant has been applied for to convert Eudora Bank building into ambulance/police service station. An architect has been engaged to work thru building for assessment of what it will take to convert building.

Verizon Cell Tower buy out options discussed. Verizon Cell Tower offering a lump sum of $60,000 buy out versus lease. City Attorney recommended going with lease rather than lump sum. Buy out option rejected by consensus of Council.

A presentation by Vector Disease Control International on Mosquito Control outlined its Integrated Pest Control Management System:

1. Trap
2. Complaints
3. Larvae-water treatment
4. Spray truck (early dawn and dusk best times to spray)
5. Aerial Services (5x per year)
6. Service Requests

This comprehensive package cost $62,000 per year. Council members requested Vector offer a lower proposal that more closely fit the City’s ability to pay. Vector reps Brett Killengsworth and Chris agreed to re-work a proposal that meets both the City’s ability to pay and the services required to meet the mosquito control needs of the City. Alderman Travis Collins moved, Alderman Marco Toney seconded that Mosquito Control be tabled. Motion carried.

Gaunt Engineering provided update on Water Line Project: Water rate increase, additional loan/grant request, and next Public Hearing on May 23, 2016. The new totals are 3.15 million dollars grant and 250,000 loan.

Alderman Travis Collins moved, Alderman Marco Toney seconded that Mayor Tisdale borrow $50,000 for a new backhoe/tractor. Motion defeated.

Alderman Frank Farris moved, Alderman Deborah Scott seconded that Mayor Tisdale lease a backhoe/tractor 60 hp from government leasing program. Motion carried.

Mayor Tisdale reported making sealed bid for a city dump truck. Alderman Robert Thomas moved, Alderman Travis Collins seconded that Mayor sealed bid be ratified. Motion carried.

G.O.N.E. requesting use of football field and waiver of fee for its summer Football Camp. Alderman Travis Collins moved, Alderman Deborah Scott seconded fee be waived. Motion carried.

Mayor reported grant has been applied for to re-pave City Park walking trails.

Citizen Communication-

* Dexter Neal, citizen, asked if anything is being done to get chain goal ready for youth. He also made reference to police mistreatment which was later reinforced by statements from his wife. Chain of command and proper channels to address individual concerns were addressed.
* Seth Paddock of J. Austin White Cultural Center requested use of Commerce Building from June 6-July 1st 2016 for classes on International Relations and Diplomacy. Alderman Robert Thomas moved, Alderman Frank Farris/Beulah Maiden seconded to grant use of building. Motion carried.
* Citizen McBride asked about the City’s response to his request for compensation for the loss of his dog when police were called to a residence to address “hostile” dog situation. City Attorney advised Mr. McBride that a letter had been sent to him addressing the issue. After investigating the situation, the City Attorney reported it was his conclusion based on policy and law that the police acted in good faith to secure the safety of the citizenry in shooting the dog and there was no evidence to suggest Mr. McBride was due compensation for the dog.

Alderman Travis Collins moved, Alderman Howard Brown seconded that City Council go into Executive Session. Motion carried. City Council in Executive Session 7:30 p.m. – 7:52 p.m. No action reported.

Alderman Marco Toney moved, Alderman Travis Collins seconded meeting adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:53 p.m..

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Stephen Tisdale, Mayor Juanita Burton, Clerk