City of Eudora

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Eudora, Chicot County, Arkansas 71640

STEPHEN TISDALE, MAYOR **BOARD OF ALDERMAN**

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MINUTES OF THE EUDORA CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

May 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stephen Tisdale at 6:05 p.m. There were 6 aldermen present at roll call. Absent were Alderman Beulah Maiden (due to death in family) and Alderman Charlene Taylor (due to medical reasons).

After calling the meeting to order, Mayor Tisdale yielded floor to Alderman Travis Collins. Alderman Collins began with the explanation that himself, Alderman Howard Brown, and Alderman Marco Toney had requested the meeting to discuss what was happening within the Police Department.

Mayor Tisdale reported that Greg Johnson and Douglas Penwick resigned. Officer James Nowden has given 3 weeks’ notice. He plans to begin employment with the Correctional Department.

Currently, the Eudora Police Department consists of Nowden (temporarily) and Bonner along with the help of the Arkansas State Police, Chicot County Sheriff Department, Officer Louis Gayfield, part-time and Auxiliary Officers.

Mayor Tisdale also stated he has been interviewing for a Chief of Police. He offered one individual the position who stated after careful consideration he decided to decline the position. Additionally, Mayor Tisdale said he was waiting to hear from a potential hire who had experience as Chief of Police. Mayor Tisdale explained he felt lack of actual experience as a Chief of Police contributed to the last Chief of Police management skills and Interviewee reluctance to accept position.

Other items discussed was mosquito spraying vs addressing root of the problem which is to kill the larvae by cleaning and draining ditches. Several committees were formed:

Police Department

Frank Farris

Parks & Recreation

Marco Toney

Budget Committee

Robert Thomas, Jr.

Street Committee

Howard Brown

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Travis Collins, seconded by Alderman Robert Thomas, Jr.. Meeting adjourned at\_\_\_\_ p.m.

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Stephen Tisdale, Mayor Juanita Burton, Clerk