City of Eudora

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STEPHEN TISDALE, MAYOR **BOARD OF ALDERMAN**

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FRANK FARRIS ROBERT THOMAS, JR.

BEULAH MAIDEN MARCO TONEY

MINUTES OF THE EUDORA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stephen Tisdale at 6:06 p.m. There were 5 aldermen present at roll call with aldermen Robert Thomas arriving shortly thereafter and Travis Collins arriving toward latter part of meeting at approximately 6:59 p.m.

Alderman Frank Farris moved, Alderman Beulah Maiden seconded that June 6, 2016 regular council meeting minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Financial/Treasurer’s Report, Clark Terrell, CPA- Mr. Terrell reported that all payroll taxes due and payable during the months of May and June 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 June installment payment of $9,100.00 for the payroll taxes owed to the IRS for 2011 was mailed on time on June 17, 2016. Balance owed IRS after May 19, 2016 payment is approximately $71,700. That balance is for the first two quarters of calendar year 2011. We have received a Certificate of Release of Federal Tax Lien for tax year 2010.

Questions from Alderman Frank Farris and others relating to financial statement referenced Sunflower, Sibley’s Auto, James Cerranti, and Park labor salary. Chief El-Amin explained James Cerranti bill stemmed from Magnum Police car diagnostics. Aldermen were encouraged to come by City Hall and have invoices and purchase orders pulled for any items they had questions about. Alderman moved, alderman seconded that Financial report be approved. Motion carried.

Discussion of letter regarding ambulance service resulted in a proposal to have police train as EMTs so that a patient could be stabilized until ambulance arrives.

Mayor’s update:

* City Park needs a face lift. Grant is being submitted. The City needs $60,000 matching funds for the park grant.
* Main Street has a lot of boarded up buildings
* City working on having a 1st rate Fire Department and 1st rate Police Department. There is a new fire truck .There are new police cars and training for police department
* Railroad will be a positive influence on economics of this community. People from Rail Services will be here Thursday.

Alderman Reports:

* Alderman Beulah Maiden requested Code Enforcer David Jones send letter to City of Eudora to clean up the GC John Campus.

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* Alderman Debra Scott reported a big hole on Arch Street need repairing.
* Alderman Charlene Taylor reported 2 lots on King Streets need cleaning up.
* Alderman Howard Brown reported that City Maintenance stated that the City does not own any tools. They all belong to Maintenance Supervisor.

Discussion to allocate $5000 to demolish condemned property ensued. Two properties need to be taken care of pretty quickly.

In response to questions about the legality of demolishing citizens’ property and how the process worked, Mayor Tisdale explained there were 2 ordinances: (1) related to dilapidated buildings and the (2) related to vacant lots. If the city condemn property and the owner(s) fail to act the City can take action to remedy the situation by cleaning, cutting and or demolishing the structure to meet standards and then filing a lien against the property to recuperate expenses but the process could take up to 3 or more years.

Verizon Cell Tower Buyout lease of $60,000 offer has been approved by Verizon. Mayor Tisdale asked the council to approve the use of the proceeds as match money for the Park grant. Marco Toney and Howard Brown requested that this item be tabled.

DeWayne Allen of AFLAC Insurance made a presentation and requested that city employees be allowed to participate in AFLAC Insurance at their own expense. Alderman Frank Farris moved, Alderman Howard Brown seconded that employees be allowed to participate in AFLAC Insurance with no contributions to the policy by the City. Motion carried.

Alderman Beulah Maiden moved, Alderman Travis Collins seconded that Brown Roofing bid be accepted to repair roof of City Hall. Motion carried.

An ordinance to close part of Lee Street where it goes under the existing railroad to Hwy 65 was presented. Alderman Beulah Maiden moved, Alderman Frank Farris seconded to suspend second reading of ordinance except by title. Motion carried. Alderman Charlene Taylor moved, Alderman Frank Farris seconded to suspend third reading of ordinance except by title. Motion carried. Alderman Frank Farris moved, Alderman Debra Scott seconded to adopt ordinance. Motion carried, ordinance adopted on this 11th day of July 2016.

Alderman Frank Farris moved, Alderman Debra Scott seconded that Heartsill Ragon be hired as Bond Counsel for water project. Motion carried.

Alderman Travis Collins stated Standard Salary Schedule will be presented in Budget Committee meeting.

Alderman Frank Farris moved, Alderman Marco Toney seconded that all part-time positions be eliminated. Discussion ensued on motion. Alderman Marco Toney withdrew his second on motion. Motion died for lack of second. Alderman Frank Farris requested Budget Meeting for next Monday.

Alderman Frank Farris moved, Alderman Beulah Maiden seconded meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned 7:34 p.m.

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Stephen Tisdale, Mayor Juanita Burton, City Clerk