City of Eudora

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Eudora, Chicot County, Arkansas 71640

STEPHEN TISDALE, MAYOR **BOARD OF ALDERMAN**

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BEULAH MAIDEN MARCO TONEY

MINUTES OF THE EUDORA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stephen Tisdale at 5:57 p.m. There were 7 aldermen present at roll call with Alderman Robert Thomas Jr arriving shortly thereafter.

Alderman Beulah Maiden moved and Alderman Deborah Scott seconded that the Minutes of City Council Regular Meeting July 6, 2015 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 month of July 2015 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 July 2015 installment payment of $9,100 for the payroll taxes owed to IRS for 2010 and 2011 was paid on time on July 8, 2015.

The balance owed to the IRS on June 30, 2015 was $169,386.50.

Other Budget items:

* Department of Corrections debt will be paid off this year.
* Amount of dollars spent on salary and supplies for Dog Catcher be evaluated against contracting for services.
* Budget Committee Meeting set for Monday, September 17, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
* Any Questions concerning Budget items be explored at City Hall prior to scheduled Council meeting.

City Attorney Mazzanti - present, no report.

Department Reports

*Police Department*

Chief of Police, William El-Amin requested support of City Council for Coffee with the Chief. This is an effort to (a) provide an opportunity for the citizens to become better acquainted with the Eudora Police Department and the Department to get to know the citizens and (b) another forum for individuals to voice concerns and exchange ideas and information with Eudora Police Department.

*Water-Sewer-Street*

Mayor asked Council to adopt a policy for a ban on use of water to wash cars or water lawn, and no filling of swimming pools similar to a policy adopted by Lake Village. Chief Robert Bunn reported that the Indian Switch Water Tank had been empty of 2 weeks and unless the Council ask customers to restrict use of water the strain on the Pumps could be disastrous.

Alderman Robert Thomas moved, Alderman Beulah Maiden seconded that the City of Eudora temporarily restrict outside use of water: washing cars, watering lawns, and filling swimming pools. Motion carried unanimously.

Code Enforcer

David Jones, Code Enforcer, is moving forward with requests that property owners clean up old dilapidated buildings.

Alderman Beulah Maiden moved, Deborah Scott seconded that a request be made to City of Eudora, Charles Hensley, and Mr. Angel to clean up property and that a $l,000 for Round-Up and $800 to board up City Property (old John’s School Campus) be allotted. Motion Carried.

Council requested that Mr. Jones find out cost of replacing roof with metal roof on Concession Stand in City Park.

Old Business-

1. Pass Resolution Presenting the City’s Fixed Assets

Alderman Beulah Maiden moved, Alderman Charlene Taylor and Alderman Deborah Scott seconded to adopt Resolution Creating a Fixed Asset List for the City of Eudora. Motion carried.

New Business-

1. Alderman Travis Collins moved, Alderman Frank Farris seconded that Gaunt Engineering Contract for Eudora Water Line Replacement be accepted. Motion carried.
2. Alderman Frank Farris moved, Alderman Robert Thomas, Jr. seconded that 2014 Water and Sewer Engagement Letter for Audit be accepted. Motion carried.
3. Alderman Harold Brown moved, Alderman Frank Farris seconded that a Resolution Accepting Police Department Building and Grounds from Lakeside School District be approved. Motion carried.
4. Alderman Travis Collins moved, Alderman Frank Farris seconded that a Resolution be adopted Establishing a Resolve Depreciation Account for the Water Department for the City of Eudora. Motion carried.
5. Alderman Beulah Maiden moved, Alderman Travis Collins seconded that Youth Advancing, Inc. be granted use of the Community Room and Gym at no cost to operate an At Risk Afterschool Program, Monday - Thursday. Motion carried unanimously
6. Alderman Beulah moved, Alderman Robert Thomas, Jr. seconded that Legacy Consulting be invited to conduct a Community Site Visit provided that there is no cost involved. Motion carried.
7. Heating & Air Condition System for Court & Community Room discussion was tabled until Budget Committee Meeting
8. Accept Bids for City Uniform
9. City Attorney Mazzanti will check into killing of Mr. McBride’s dog in response to his presentation to City Council that his dog was killed by members of the Eudora Police Department and he was requesting compensation for the dog.
10. Alderman Deborah Scott and Mayor Tisdale will visit with Chicot Memorial ref concerns about Ambulance Service to Eudora residents.

Mayor’s Update:

City has been notified that not enough people are enrolled with Insurance program. Mayor has asked for Exemption.

Johnathan Patrick is checking with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for insurance rates.

Insurance has to be addressed before September l, 2015.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Beulah Maiden, seconded by Alderman Charlene Taylor. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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Stephen Tisdale, Mayor Juanita Burton, Clerk