City of Eudora

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MINUTES OF THE EUDORA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

September 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stephen Tisdale at 6:09 p.m. There were 6 aldermen present at roll call. Alderman Frank Farris and Alderman Deborah Scott absent.

Alderman Robert Thomas moved, Alderman Charlene Taylor seconded August 1, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes be approved. Motion carried. Special Called Meeting on August 15, 2016 was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Financial/Treasurer’s Report, Clark Terrell, CPA- Mr. Terrell submitted a written statement as part of the Councilmen packets prior to the meeting in his absence and reported he would be available for questions at a later date if there were any.

City Attorney Joseph Mazzanti reported he had received information that Alderman Deborah Scott was no longer living in her elected positionWard and a determination of whether or not a vacancy should be declared needed to be made.

After telephone conversation with Alderman Debra Scott affirming she was typing up her letter of resignation, a vacancy was declared for her position.

Alderman Beulah Maiden moved, Alderman Robert Thomas seconded that Ms. Danita Turner be appointed to Alderman position being vacated by Mrs. Scott. Motion passed unanimously.

2014 Legislative Audit Findings Report was received and reviewed. Mayor Tisdale and the council addressed each item listed. Mayor Tisdale offered explanation of how the City is now conducting business related to each item to ensure compliance.

The ordinance to increase the water rate required for compliance with the grant for City of Eudora Water System was presented. Alderman Beulah Maiden moved, Alderman Robert Thomas seconded to suspend rule requiring full reading of ordinance on second reading and to amend rule that ordinance be read by title only. Motion carried. Alderman Charlene Taylor moved, Alderman Beulah Maiden seconded to suspend rule requiring ordinance to be read in full on third reading and amend rule to ordinance being read by title only for third and final reading. Motion carried. Alderman Charlene Taylor moved and Alderman Beulah Maiden seconded that Water Rate Ordinance increasing water rate as required for compliance with the grant for the City of Eudora be adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Travis Collins moved, Aldermen Robert Thomas/Marco Toney/Howard Brown seconded that the Heating/Air Unit in the Community Room where court was previously held be repaired if estimates are $500. If estimates cost to repair are more than $500, it will be revisited. Motion passed unanimously.

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Discussion of Early Warning System removal from current location to the Police Department ensued. Alderman Travis Collins moved, Alderman Howard Brown seconded that Chief El-Amin investigate what needs to happen as it relates to the Early Warning System to best serve the community.

Discussion of need to update maintenance records resulted in Alderman Travis Collins moving, Alderman Marco Toney seconded that Maintenance records system be updated to an electronic system that would allow for easier and better tracking of records/inventory. Motion passed unanimously.

Water Drainage Ditch on Peebles Street need to be cleaned out and dug out further to offset overflow. Alderman Travis Collins moved, Alderman Marco Toney seconded to get correctional prisoners to clean out ditches and Mayor is authorized to allocate funds to feed prisoners. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Marco Toney moved, Alderman Travis Collins seconded that up to $1200 be spent to repair bathrooms at Joriet Tolliver gym.

Chief El-Amin applauded Officers who completed training academy He reported Second Annual Halloween Bash for children will be held October 31, 2016 at the J Austin White Cultural Art Center. Tablets, gaming systems, and bikes will be given away as door prizes.

Alderman Beulah Maiden reported Double Quick Supervisor stated that they have openings. Applicants must be able to pass a drug test.

October 18 2016 Free CNA classes for persons receiving public assistance will be available. Interested persons should call 870-460-2102.

Alderman Marco Toney moved, Alderman Travis Collins seconded that New Mt. Zion be reimbursed for ½ of cost to use pavilion at the City Park because grass was not mowed. Motion passed.

Ms. Layla Davis with Economic and Healthy Living Initiative introduced herself and invited people to visit with her at the UA Extension office.

The City of Eudora dog catcher, Mr. McDaniels, displayed new tranquilizer gun.

Alderman Charlene Taylor moved, Alderman Marco Toney seconded that meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned 7:14 p.m.

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Stephen Tisdale, Mayor Juanita Burton, City Clerk