City of Eudora

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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

January 19, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stephen Tisdale at 6:00 p.m. There were 6 aldermen present when meeting called to order with Aldermen Robert Thomas and Deborah Scott arriving shortly thereafter.

Regular scheduled meeting for December 7, 2015 and Special Called Meeting December 22, 2015 minutes approved as printed.

Financial/Treasurer’s Report, Clark Terrell, CPA- Mr. Terrell read prepared statement that all payroll taxes due and payable during FY 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 December installment payment of $9,100 for the payroll taxes owed to IRS for 2010 and 2011 was paid on time on December 10, 2015.

The balance owed to IRS on December 31, 2015 was approximately 135,000.00 dollars.

* Questions on financial statement included the following:
* Alderman Beulah Maiden requested copies of monthly statements be included in packs
* Alderman Farris on Sibley’s payments.

City Attorney Mazzanti – Lawsuit for violation of Civil Rights going forward. Alderman Travis Collins moved, Alderman Deborah Scott seconded Attorney report be accepted. Motion carried.

Police Chief El Amin requested approval to implement new system for rounding off hours &7-minute Window Clock. He checked with Labor Board and employees. Alderman Travis Collins moved, Alderman Deborah Scott seconded that new system be implemented. Motion carried

Chief El Amin also reported the receipt of a $5200 General Improvement Grant from legislators to be used for equipment purchase and or improvement.

Alderman Travis Collins moved, Alderman Howard Brown seconded that Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to open separate bank account for each grant received. Motion carried.

Alderman Beulah Maiden questioned the possibility of getting someone to write grants to address the City’s multiplicity of needs as witnessed happening in other cities. Mayor identified several areas of need i.e. re-doing pavement of walking path at city park & police, fire department and ambulance service housing. No response and or action plan on this were offered.

Mayor reported Fire Dept. truck was purchased. There is a need for hoses and firefighting equipment that can be purchased with either 833 monies and or remaining grant funds.

Discussion of approval for Clark Terrell Accounting contract renewal ensued with Mayor citing example of free work performed by Mr. Terrell in establishing a set of books for Water Department that was not included in his contract. Mr. Terrell informed the Council in response to question by Alderman Collins that his fee in the revised contract had been lowered from $5000 a month to $4000 a month.

Alderman Robert Thomas moved, Alderman Travis Collins seconded that Clark Terrell’s Annual Accounting Contract be approved. Motion carried. Contract approved.

Alderman Travis Collins moved, Alderman Frank Farris seconded that Intergovernmental Agreement be approved. Motion carried.

Motion to Suspend current ambulance service and accept bid for another ambulance service discussed. No action taken. Mayor Tisdale and Atty Mazzanti will discuss concerns about current ambulance service with current provider. Also it was discussed that in an effort to have more qualitative and efficient service to start enforcing rules that require #s on houses, stop sign on Pine street be put back up.

Alderman Travis Collins moved Alderman Robert Thomas seconded that Organization of City Council remain the same but limit Audience Comments to 3 minutes per person.

Mayor reported he talked with Southern Bancorp about $19,000 loan @ 4% for 3 years for USDA grant match money. Note per month on loan is $600. Alderman Frank Farris moved, Alderman Deborah Scott seconded that Mayor and City Clerk have authority for execution of whatever documents are necessary to secure loan. Motion carried.

Alderman Beulah Maiden moved, Aldermen Robert Thomas/Deborah Scott seconded that Holiday Pay for Police Officers be paid as Holidays occurs. Motion carried.

Citizen Dexter Neal addressed city council about towing and fees for his car at Wayne Edwards Auto Parts. Alderman Deborah Scott moved, Alderman Frank Farris seconded that the council go into executive session. Motion carried.

Council in executive session 7:00 p.m. – 7:38 p.m., Council returned from executive session. Alderman Deborah Scott reported that Chief El Amin would start addressing Mr. Neal’s vehicle on tomorrow with Mr. Edwards.

Council then addressed Mr. Neal’s water bill concerns. Discussion results were the Mayor will talk to Ms. Brown and Mr. Bunn. If family had leak, Sewer bill will be adjusted.

Alderman Beulah Maiden moved, Alderman Travis Collins seconded that meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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Stephen Tisdale, Mayor Juanita Burton, Clerk