City of Eudora

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STEPHEN TISDALE, MAYOR **BOARD OF ALDERMAN**

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MINUTES OF THE EUDORA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Special Called Meeting

January 26, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stephen Tisdale at 5:59 p.m. There were 8 aldermen present. Mayor Tisdale addressed council with several items before relinquishing meeting to Budget Chair Robert Thomas.

Those items were as follows:

* Lawn Mower Repair-Alderman Frank Farris moved, Alderman Charlene Taylor seconded that Komodo lawn mower be repaired. Motion carried.
* A list of items Street Department need approval to purchase presented by Mayor. List of equipment needs attached to back of budget. Alderman Travis Collins asked Mayor about talking with SE AR Economic Development about grant to purchase some items.

Robert Thomas, Chair of Budget Committee, stated as his opening remark that he did not see much of how to loosen up any funds. He further stated that the 2015 Reconciled Budget as presented become the 2016 Budget and any changes that need to be made could be done by amending the budget as presented. Discussion ensued. Highlights of discussion included:

1. City need to ensure that match money for usda grant for police cars and other Reserve accounts remain readily available and bank statements support that if grantors needed documentation. Mayor Tisdale reported Southern Bancorp was granting loan @3.45% for USDA grant match.
2. Mayor strongly recommend that City consider full time Supervisor for Water Department. Alderman Frank Farris moved, Alderman Marco Toney seconded that a full-time Certified position for Water Department Superintendent be approved and announcement be put in paper. Motion carried.
3. Alderman Travis Collins proposed finding money in budget for giving Ozell Minniefield and Richard Johnson a raise in salary.
4. Alderman Travis Collins questioned what was the plan and monies set aside for Mosquito Control.
5. Mayor Tisdale stated he believed contract for police uniforms need to be renegotiated and or voided.
6. Alderman Beulah Maiden questioned a part-time employee receiving fulltime benefits for health, vacation and sick leave. Mayor Tisdale stated at the time the employee was reduced from full time to part-time that the agreement was that he would retain all of his benefits.
7. Alderman Travis Collins questioned large amount of money spent on office supplies for police department. Chief El Amin stated since taking office he has tried to track spending and reduce cost where he could. Coffee which was a large expenditure along with items such as cleaning supplies, paper towels, and tissue are now being purchased with donations from employees. Chief El Amin further stated that the drop in gasoline prices and changing from V8 to V6 engines in cars should help reduce cost.

Alderman Beulah Maiden moved, Alderman Robert Thomas seconded that 2015 Reconciled Budget be approved as 2016 Budget. Can be amended as needed. Motion carried. Budget approved.

Alderman Travis Collins moved, Alderman Fran Farris seconded that meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned 7:08 p.m.

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