City of Eudora

239 S Main Street

Eudora, Chicot County, Arkansas 71640

STEPHEN TISDALE, MAYOR **BOARD OF ALDERMAN**

JOSEPH MAZZANTI, ATTORNEY HOWARD BROWN DEBORAH SCOTT

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FRANK FARRIS ROBERT THOMAS, JR.

BEULAH MAIDEN MARCO TONEY

MINUTES OF THE EUDORA CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stephen Tisdale at 6:00 p.m. There were 8 alderman present at roll call.

The mayor called for the approval of the January 5, 2015 regular meeting minutes and a special called meeting minutes as noted on the agenda. After brief discussion it was noted there was no special called meeting held but a Budget Committee Meeting on 1/8/2015. There were no objections and or corrections to the January 5, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes. The minutes are approved as printed.

Mr. Terrell informed the council and citizens that all payroll taxes currently due have been paid, paid on time and taxes are current. Payments to IRS were made and current including payroll taxes and the $9100 monthly installment payment. Financial Statement provided was for entire 2014 Fiscal Year.

First item of discussion was $1,477.59 estimate submitted by J Rod’s Garage for repair of police car. Results of Discussion was a motion by Alderman Frank Farris, Seconded by Alderman Marco Toney to get another used low mileage engine rather than repair current engine. Motion passed unanimously.

Next item of discussion was a request submitted by Chief of Police to purchase service firearms for auxiliary officers and part-time officers. Discussion resulted in the following:

* Weapons are city owned and issued
* All officers currently have weapons
* Coach Watkins kept service weapon per alleged approval of city council upon his retirement
* An inventory of weapons, radios, equipment and supplies will be maintained and monitored by City
* Alderman Robert Thomas, Jr. moved and seconded by Alderman Marco Toney that City furnish new police officers with service weapons. City will purchase service weapons for newly hired officers and upon termination of service with the City, officers are to surrender their weapons in good as condition when received minus normal wear and tear from usage. Motion passed unanimously.

City Attorney Mazzanti. City Attorney was asked to review contract for uniforms to see if it is binding or if it can be terminated. City would like to be able to take advantage of a more favorable bid submitted by Alderman Charlene Taylor from Superior Surgical for uniforms.

***Department Reports***

Police Department

Alderman Frank Farris moved, Alderman Robert Thomas, Jr. seconded to auction/sell old vehicles. Motion passed.

Wayne Edwards of Wayne Edwards Auto Parts & Service was given an opportunity to discuss status of vehicles at his place of business for repairs. His suggestion to the City was to sell the parts of the vehicles that were no longer cost effective to repair and or operate by accepting bids from salvage companies. He offered to provide the City with a recommended list of such companies. The Mayor will then follow the normal process of accepting and or rejecting bids.

Mr. Edwards also offered care and regularly scheduled maintenance suggestions that would benefit the longevity and life of the City’s vehicles and equipment.

Water -Sewer- Street

Request was made that the Maintenance Supervisor be present at City Council meetings.

Code Enforcer

The mayor stated he was impressed with the job, skills and knowledge of David Jones, Code Enforcer, and expected that the volunteer service he was currently providing would in the future require finding money in the budget to compensate him. The mayor also noted that a City Planning and Zoning Committee needed to be established.

Old Business- No Old Business offered up for discussion.

New Business-

Individuals listed on agenda for Presentations to City Council not present.

Motion to change Versey Rd to Narvell Woods Drive made by Beulah Maiden, seconded by Charlene Taylor/Frank Farris. Motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Robert Thomas, Jr. moved, Alderman Beulah Maiden seconded that Mayor and City Clerk be added to all timed accounts(CDs). Motion passed unanimously.

The 2015 Budget Resolution- 2015 Budget with attachment of all city employees’ salaries and or rate of pay was presented by Mayor Tisdale and approved by the city council. Alderman Travis Collins made the motion; it was seconded by Alderman Marco Toney to adopt 2015 Budget Resolution. Resolution passed unanimously with a typo correction.

It was moved by alderman Marco Toney and seconded by alderman Travis Collins that the Mayor, City Clerk and Jennifer Borderlon name be added to Miscellaneous bank account of police department and Aaron Smith name be removed.

Alderman Marco Toney motioned, seconded by Alderman Deborah Scott that a resolution authorizing the Mayor to serve as contact person and receive training required for Flood Plain Act 2000 grant. Motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Travis Collins, seconded by Alderman Robert Thomas, Jr. to adopt resolution that Mayor Tisdale is authorized to execute and submit any and all documents to DRA for Fiscal Year 2014 Federal Funding cycle.

Ward Reports-

*Ward 1-(Frank Farris & Marco Toney)*

Citizen reported being harassed by a police officer and stated she would like a meeting with the Mayor. The Chief of Police will investigate complaint of police harassing citizen. Mayor wants Chief Johnson present if citizen follow through with request for meeting.

*Ward 2 (Robert Thomas, Jr. & Travis Collins)*

Need Radio to set off alarms for drills

*Ward 3 (Deborah Scott & Beulah Maiden)*

Community Group interested in sponsoring activities for girls as well as boys.

*Ward 4 ( Howard Brown & Charlene Taylor)*

2 Complaints: (1) Potholes on Handie Street has water in it and (2) high water bill. The Mayor asked for and was given approval to adjust citizen’s sewage rate in case of extremely high water bills but not water usage.

The Mayor was asked by Alderman Brown for his vision for Eudora. The Mayor’s response included the following:

1. Clean up Eudora-ditches and debris on streets one street at a time. Alderman Marco Toney interjected asking if it was possible to have Shopper’s Guide be placed in mail boxes not just thrown into yards. City Attorney Mazzanti will check on possibility.
2. Get Grant for Municipal Complex that would house city hall, the police department, ambulance service and the fire department.
3. Establish a Children’s Museum that included a Planetarium that would attract visitors
4. Lease the Gymnasium to a non-profit group to provide activities for youth
5. Try re-purposing the catfish plant as another processing plant
6. Exploring establishing a rehab/nursing home, adult day care
7. Re-establishing the Chamber of Commerce
8. Asking Lake Village and Dermott to partner with Eudora in asking the 911 Service to handle police dispatching for entire county.
9. Asking for a ½ cents city sales tax to generate revenue for economic development

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Travis Collins, seconded by Alderman Robert Thomas, Jr. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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Stephen Tisdale, Mayor Juanita Burton, Clerk