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

REGULAR MEETING

March 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stephen Tisdale at 6:16 p.m. There were 8 alderman present at roll call.

The mayor called for the approval of the February 10, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Correction to minutes: DRA Act 2000 changed to Flood Plain. The minutes were approved with correction.

Alderman Frank Farris moved, Alderman Travis Collins seconded that Eudora City Council Regular Meeting be the First Monday of each month. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial/Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Terrell read a prepared statement stating that all payroll taxes due and payable during the month of February have been paid with the exception of payroll taxes owed to IRS for FY 2010 and FY 2011 there are no payroll taxes not paid. The February payroll taxes installments for FY 2010 & FY 2011 to IRS were paid on time.

Questions during financial report included questions by Alderman Farris regarding Sunflower and questions on Sibley’s from Alderman Beulah Maiden. Mayor Tisdale informed the Alderman that although what the items or service purchased could not be recalled at the moment, they could come by City Hall and look at Purchase Requisition to see what items were on bill. Mayor Tisdale also stated in an effort to cut cost a policy had been implemented that all items needed for each department be priced at Sam’s to see what the savings might be.

A motion was made by Alderman Travis Collins, seconded by Alderman Marco Toney that the financial report be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

City Attorney Mazzanti. City Attorney was not present

***Department Reports***

Police Department

* Chief Johnson reported he is in the process of hiring a new officer. The officer is scheduled to begin April 16.
* Officer Cleveland will be going to the Academy in May.
* Newly hired officers have been advised that they will need to move within 7 miles of City of Eudora

He talked with Wayne Edwards of Wayne Edwards Auto Parts & Service about motor to go into police car. Mr. Edwards stated he had a motor for $1900. He was waiting to hear back from Mr. Edwards.

City Mechanic

Mr. Marvin Sibley, City Mechanic, reported the following:

* He has started to stock items that they need
* He has started keeping log on all repairs
* He keeps log on all equipment and copies of all invoices spent on each piece of equipment
* The City Shop is not equipped to pull engine
* Routine set up for oil change being done
* Alderman Marco Toney asked that odometer readings be kept on all police vehicles and questioned why oil changes are being done by Phillip Jones. Mayor offered the suggestion that it may have been an old bill

Old Business- No Old Business offered up for discussion.

New Business-

Council discussion jumped to Item #3 on Agenda: Inclement Weather. Discussion resulted in the following *Inclement Weather Policy:*

Alderman Travis Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Marco Toney to dock pay for employees during inclement weather if supervisor says come in and they don’t. Employees will receive pay if they come in. Employees will receive comp time if an employee works when everyone else is home. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item 1 – Gaunt Engineering*

Alderman Travis Collins moved, Alderman Charlene Taylor seconded to approve contract for Gaunt Engineering. Motion approved unanimously.

*Item 2- Appoint Animal Control Person*

Discussion results:

* Need to find $ in budget for salary
* Discuss further in budget committee meeting
* Mayor Tisdale proposed former Animal Control Person be hired at $10 per hr for 10 hours per week. The $10 would include mileage and use of his personal vehicle.
* Alderman Travis Collins moved, Alderman Debra Scott seconded to hire animal control person on trial basis for 90 days on trial basis, 10 hrs per week @ $10 per hr. Motion passed.

*Item 4 – Appoint a Compliance Administrative Officer (Code 14.04.02-.03)*

Discussion results:

* Mayor Tisdale explained to council members that in appointing Code Enforcer the position actually included combination of Compliance Administrative Officer.
* Council member asked for job description
* Compliance Officer will make recommendations to Board of Adjustments
* Alderman Frank Farris moved, Alderman Robert Thomas, Jr. seconded that David Jones be hired as Compliance Administrative Officer. Motion passed unanimously.
* Alderman Marco Toney moved, Alderman Frank Farris seconded that David Jones’ salary be $500 per mth. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item 5 Planning Commission Board*

*Item 6 Appoint a Board of Adjustment*

* Alderman Travis Collins and Mayor Tisdale will work together on recruiting members to staff Board of Adjustments

Ward Reports- Ward Reports time were allotted to citizen participation. However, discussion of 2 items by Alderman resulted in the following:

* Alderman Travis Collins suggested the seniors’ 55 and Older Program could be utilized for Community Service Program cleaning up lots.
* Alderman Travis Collins moved, Alderman Debra Scott seconded to raise Bookkeeper and Water Clerk salary to $10 per hour. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

*Ward 3 (Deborah Scott & Beulah Maiden)*

*Ward 4 ( Howard Brown & Charlene Taylor)*

*Citizen Participation*

City Council was addressed by Roger Hensley and Chicot All Stars:

Roger Hensley

* Hwy 8 got many culverts stopped up. State Hwy Dept need to do their job
* Trash issue need to be addressed at Double Quick, Dollar Store, and Main Street. Ordinances need to be looked at ref trash disposal
* Council need to have more policemen because of open drug deals going down
* U-turns are being made in front of school, city hall
* Defacing water meter is a criminal offense
* Fuel man card for employees can be issued to monitor fuel usage- can only be done at Scott’s.
* Watershed ditches come up to City.
* Mosquito Control-eliminate standing water from ditches to clean up

Chicot All Starts – Kentirus Drew and Anthony Johnson

* Kentirus Drew and Anthony Johnson asked the City to support Chicot All Stars by allowing them to use Joriet Tolliver Gym on old GC Johns campus for meeting/practicing Monday – Thursday 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m, and Saturday 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
* Alderman Travis Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Howard Brown to appoint Marco Toney as Parks and Recreation Director. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Travis Collins, seconded by Alderman Robert Thomas, Jr. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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Stephen Tisdale, Mayor Juanita Burton, Clerk