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| **Members in Attendance** | **Others in Attendance** |
| Mary Harris | Johnathan R Minniefield-Patrick, Mayors Assistant |
| Ezell Minniefield | William El-Amin, Chief of Police |
| Faye Moye | Joseph Mazzanti, City Attorney |
| Charlene Taylor | Clark Terrell, CPA |
| Robert Thomas, Jr. |  |
| Marco Toney |  |
| Danita Turner |  |
| Mayor Stephen Tisdale |  |
| City Clerk Juanita Burton |  |

Mayor Tisdale called the meeting to order. Juanita Burton called the roll. Judge Mack Ball, Jr. administered oath of office to council. Mayor Tisdale gave State of City Address. He highlighted achievements by Departments, state of the economy and the finances of the City:

* Police Department-
  + All officers on police department trained and certified except 2
  + Police technology upgrade-digital fingerprinting machine
  + Working on Grant application of $275,000 to renovate police department
* Fire Department-
  + Grant to purchase new truck was received and utilized
  + Equipment repair and/or upgrade needed
* Water& Streets-
  + Grant/Loan combination to replace water lines and meters: project is multi-year
  + Need residents to sign easements agreements
* Parks & Recreation-
  + Grant received to upgrade park: new playground equipment, re-pavement of walking trail in park, and repair of roof on bathroom facility. Any money left over will be used to renovate bathrooms in gym
* Economy-
  + New railroad project, discovery museum, and water projects should help local economy
* Finances of the City
  + Audit thru 2015 have been completed
  + Taxes and penalties owed to IRS from 2011 will be paid off in the early part of 2017
  + Several bond payments will be paid off around May 2017

**Minutes:**

Councilmember Robert Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes, Seconded by Councilmember Turner. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**Financial/Treasurer’s Report:** Clark Terrell, CPA gave a verbal report and written report of the months and previous finances. Councilmember Thomas made a motion to approve the report. Seconded by Councilmember Turner. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**Procedural Rules Adoption-**

* Councilmember Maiden moved, Councilmember Robert Thomas seconded that the City of Eudora adopt Municipal League Procedural Rule. All voted aye. Motion carried.
* Councilmember Turner made a motion that the 1st Monday in each month be the regular council meeting dates. Seconded by councilmembers Thomas & Taylor. All voted aye. Motion carried.
* Councilmember Thomas moved, Councilmember Maiden seconded that Councilmember Charlene Taylor be selected as Pro Tem to serve in Mayor’s absence. All voted Aye. Motion carried.
* Councilmember Maiden made a motion that the City use Robert’s Rule of Law & Order. Councilmember Moye seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. (Note: This replacers Municipal League Procedural Rule approved in first bullet)
* It was the consensus of the group that Committees will be formed to address other business and or concerns of the City.

**Alderman Reports**

* Councilmember Thomas moved, Councilmembers Taylor & Turner seconded the adoption of a policy to draft Complaint/Concern form for citizens’ concerns. All voted aye. Motion carried.
* Councilmember Moye reported that most of the culverts on streets in her ward are stopped up Mayor Tisdale reported that Department of Corrections has been contacted to get workers down. They are waiting for weather to warm up
* Councilmember Turner asked about progress of easements leases. Mayor Tisdale reported a final list of people who have not signed easement list has been developed. Councilmembers can check with Jonathan at City Hall.
* Camille Reese and Harbor Streets have reported leaks

**Monthly Department Reports:**

* Police Department
  + Applying for $275,000 grant to re-do Police Dept.
  + Short 2 police officers
  + Jail standards too costly for City of Eudora to operate its own jail
  + Councilmember Maiden moved, Councilmember Thomas seconded that Laurie Bridewell name be removed from account to be replaced with Theresa French. All voted aye. Motion carried.
* Water-Sewer-Streets and Code Enforcer – No Reports

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**Agenda:**

1.Swearing in of Newly Elected Council Members – addressed in previous paragraphs. Completed by Judge Mack Ball

2. Mayor’s Annual Address of the City-reported on in previous paragraphs. Completed by Mayor Tisdale

3. Presentation from Elijah Jackson: UAPB College Courses at Elementary School-Mr. Jackson not present

4. 2017 Park Rehab Grant Account Creation – addressed in Mayor’s Update. Approved by Council.

**Mayors Reports:**

* Councilmember Maiden made a motion to approve the opening of a Park Rehab Grsnt Account. Seconded by Councilmember Turner. All voted aye. Motion carried.
* Councilmember Turner made a motion that Robert Thomas serve as Budget Chairperson. Seconded by Councilmember Taylor. All voted aye. Motion carried. Entire Council will serve on Budget Committee.

**Citizen’s Communication:**

* Citizen wanted to know if a payment plan could be established for the $250 for water line and $250 for sewer line deposits. Councilmember Moye moved that City policy be amended to allow citizens to pay 50% of deposit upfront and pay the balance in 2 months. Seconded by Councilmember Toney. Motion failed 5 no, 3 yes. Roll call vote was as follows:

**No** **Yes**

1. Mary Harris 1. Faye Moye
2. Beulah Maiden 2. Ezell Minniefield
3. Charlene Taylor 3. Marco Toney
4. Robert Thomas
5. Danita Turner

**Adjourned:**

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Stephen Tisdale, Mayor

Attest:

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Juanita Burton, City Clerk