

**City of Eudora  
239 South Main St.  
Eudora, Chicot County, AR 71640**

**WILLIAM STANTON, MAYOR  
JOSEPH MAZZANTI, ATTORNEY  
ALEXIS RISPER, CLERK**

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
MABEL ALLEN  
FRANK FARRIS  
CHARLENEN TAYLOR  
STEPHEN TISDALE**

**DENNIS BUTLER  
BECKY SERIO  
ROBERT THOMAS, JR.  
DANITA TURNER**

**MINUTES OF THE EUDORA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 16, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stanton. There were five aldermen present at roll call. Aldermen Butler and Taylor arrived shortly after. Alderman Serio was absent.

Mayor Stanton asked for prayers for the Selman, Allen, Turner and Weston/Williams families.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to adopt the minutes from the November 4, 2014 meeting. Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried. The minutes are adopted.

During the financial report Mr. Terrell explained that Workman Comp is paid into. He doesn't issue checks. Alderman Turner asked several questions regarding checks issued to Gulf State Distributors, Brown's Tree Service, M & I, and mosquito control. Alderman Turner asked about the overtime with the police dept. Mr. Terrell told her that it has been cut due to the other officer coming on.

Alderman Farris had concerns with checks written to Dept. of Information System, Scott's and William Stanton.

Alderman Allen had concerns with people arrested having to be transported to Conway, AR to jail due to bills not paid. Mayor Stanton responded with the bills were paid. They were not receiving people due to overcrowding in Lake Village, Ashley County and Dermott. He also stated that would consider monies generated from district court to pay jail bills. Alderman Allen also had questions concerning the payment of the police cars. Mr. Terrell informed her that the cars are paid off and the city doesn't owe Delta Trust any money. Alderman Allen asked the amount of the mayor's salary.

Alderman Farris asked about a check written to Sunflower and he asked about the whereabouts of the drug dog.

During the mayor's report he welcomed Mr. Barney to the meeting. Mr. Barney is with the Crossett newspaper. He told the council and citizens that the Street Project on Knight, People and Park Place are underway. The city will be able to apply for additional streets to be worked on in January. The mayor spoke at the City Wide Men's Day Program. He also attended the Railroad dedication at the J. Austin White Cultural Ctr. He also received a call from Vickie Haycock – Dir. Of York Williams, that York Williams will be taken over by C.B. King. Thanks to the Bob White Foundation for two grants. One grant was \$30,000.00 for two police cars and \$85,000.00 for the water tanks. The mayor also asked that the Economic Development Committee work on getting an active Chamber of Commerce in Eudora, report at January's meeting, a status report on Harvest Select and to address the Main St. business. He asked that a face lift be done to enhance the stores and improve the look of Main St. The mayor said he received a call from a gentlemen related to Eudora told him something big was coming to Eudora.

Judge Mazzanti in his report announced that he was still working on getting the names and letters out to adjacent landowners on Lee St. in order to have the street closed. He will have information by the January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. He wasn't able to print out information on the Wrecker Service due to computer problems. Mayor Stanton asked Mr. Farris to spear head the Wrecker Service and the city of Eudora will not have any liability with this. Alderman Thomas asked the mayor to contact the railroad and give them an update as to what is happening.

During Mr. Morphis's report he told the council and citizens to look at the lights on Main St., the backhoe is inoperable and the estimate to overhaul the engine is 4,000.00. Mr. Morphis said he could continue to use the old backhoe for a while. Mr. Morphis also thanked the committee for grant monies for the water tower. Alderman Tisdale made the motion to accept bids for backhoe. Alderman Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to enter into Letter of Engagement with Mr. Terrell Professional Service for 2014 with a fee of \$4,000.00 monthly and some services. There were five years and 2 days. Alderman Allen and Farris voted no.

Mayor Stanton presented the 2014 Budget to the council. After a brief explanation of changes Alderman Tisdale stated that the budget committee could get copies of the 2013 budget from Mr. Terrell.

Alderman Thomas told the mayor and council of the citizens concerns with the police department being closed.

Mr. Travis Collins did a grant presentation of the Eudora Water System Improvements with McClelland Engineers. Alderman Tisdale asked that the minutes reflect that the city of Eudora hasn't authorized anyone to pursue this grant with McClelland Engineers.

Alderman Allen made the motion to table the bookkeeper's salary and other positions. Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

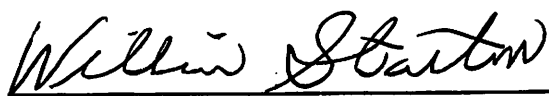
Mayor Stanton told the council that the city of Eudora paid Dermott \$29,999.97 for contract labor. Additional monies had to be put in for November and December. He proposed to the council to hire someone from 4:00 – 1:00 Mon-Fri (40 hour) and one person weekends (40 hours) and calls will go to 911 dispatchers. Hire two full-time and one part-time dispatcher. Alderman Allen suggested moving the answering machine from city to the police station.

Alderman Farris made the motion to give full-time employees a one-time \$300.00 bonus and a \$150.00 one-time bonus to part-time employees with the exception of employees who have been employed less than 30 days receive \$150.00. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried

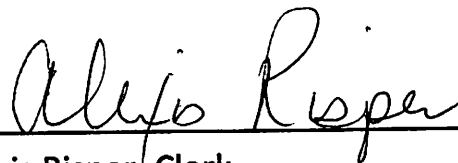
During Ward Reports there were more thanks than concerns. Knight St., Mabry, Arch and Cherry St. looks good. Thanks for the efforts on lights on Main St., thanks for the clean-up on the corner of King and People St. Alderman Tisdale suggested that pictures be taken of burned down houses and over grown lots and

a binder be put together to start a beautification project. Mayor Stanton told the council that the Outdoor Classroom has been approved. One concern was with water backing up on Baker St.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Alderman Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting is adjourned.



William Stanton, Mayor



Alexis Risper, Clerk