

**City of Eudora
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EUDORA, CHICOT COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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**WILLIAM STANTON, MAYOR
ALEXIS RISPER, CLERK
JOSEPH MAZZANTI, ATTORNEY**

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
DENNIS BUTLER
BECKY SERIO
CHARLENE TAYLOR
STEPHEN TISDALE**

**PHILLIP JONES
LOUIS SCOTT
ROBERT THOMAS, JR.
DANITA TURNER**

**MINUTES OF EUDORA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Stanton. There were five aldermen present at roll call. Mr. Butler, Jones and Thomas arrived shortly after roll call.

Alderman Scott made the motion to adopt the minutes from the February 7, 2012 Special Call Meeting and Alderman Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried. The minutes are adopted.

Alderman Turner made the motion to adopt the minutes from the January 10, 2012 Regular Meeting and Alderman Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried. The minutes are adopted.

There were several questions asked concerning the amount budgeted for telephone expenses. Mr. Terrell thinks the information system is the hook-ups in the revenue office. Some of these were items we had gotten behind on.

Mrs. Serio asked about the liability check. Mr. Terrell response was it was related to payroll taxes, child support, insurance etc.

Mr. Jones asked were we receiving income from the Verizon tower. Response – yes \$300.00 monthly deposited into the General Fund.

Mr. Jones questioned a check written to Hensley Dozer & backhoe in the amount of \$1,450.00. It was for two loads of SB2.

Mr. Jones questioned the amount of monies being paid to Ecotech. Mr. Morphis will check to see if the prices have increased.

Alderman Thomas made a motion to adopt the financial report and Alderman Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried. The financial report is adopted.

Mayor Stanton spoke with Judge Mazzanti about asking the sheriff's department about dispatching the 911 system at the amount of \$40,000.00. Two part-time police officers were terminated as of February 19, 2012. Hourly rates will need to be included with the budget. Three representatives from the council attended the Municipal League Conference.

Mrs. Taylor stated that she spoke with Scott Bennett of the AR State Hwy. Transportation Department. They were discussing highway repairs. Hwy. 65 wasn't included from the intersection to the Louisiana Line. She question why weren't we included. Mr. Bennett told Mrs. Taylor they would do an inspection. We will receive a bill for an increase in our taxes. If it passes we would get an increase. The election will be held in November.

Judge Ball and the inter-governmental council (Stanton, Bush, and Gray) will meet in the judge's office. The increase of cost to use the landfill will also be addressed. The current rate is \$595.17 and it's scheduled to increase to \$689.02.

Mr. Morphis informed the council that work had begun on installing the new water filters. He also told the council that the met with the Grandlake/Readland Board concerning a maintenance agreement with the city. The agreement should consist of reading meters, fixing leaks, billing, etc. He asked if the city attorney could look into a new contract with Readland/Grandlake. The old contract can't be found.

During Ward Reports concerns were with, loud music, bad streets, stray dogs, the south end of King St. is broken up, water shooting out of the road, and addressing the issues from the audit findings.

Mr. Terrell will contact the IRS, asking by letter for a \$3,700.00 monthly payment and ask that the penalties be abated. A copy of the approved budget for the 2012 year along with financial statements will be faxed to the IRS. This will show the city's inability to pay.

Attorney Mazzanti informed the council and citizens he had spoken with Sheriff Nichols on assuming the responsibility of dispatching. He also did research on an anti-sagging law. His suggestion would be to hold off.

During audience comments, concerns were with the ambulance service, Mr. Theodore Brown brought his concerns to the council about a warning being placed on his vehicle parked under his garage.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to enter into executive session and alderman Serio seconded the motion. Upon returning from executive session the council made the recommendation that all vacation time be taken prior to November 1st. Mayor

Stanton will discuss the letter received from Mrs. Perkins with her tomorrow morning.

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

William Stanton
William Stanton, Mayor

Alexis Risper
Alexis Risper, Clerk