

**City of Eudora
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**WILLIAM STANTON, MAYOR
JOSEPH MAZZANTI, ATTORNEY
ALEXIS RISPER, CLERK**

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

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

**MINUTES OF THE EUDORA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor William Stanton. There were six aldermen present at roll call. Alderman Tisdale arrived shortly after. Alderman Thomas was absent due to illness.

Minutes of the December 16, 2013 meeting were adopted as printed.

Each alderman was given a financial statement on each city account fund for the month ending November 30, 2013.

Alderman Tisdale asked about the payroll checks – were they for the month or the entire year? Mr. Terrell responded with the checks were for the month of November. Alderman Farris asked why the two names on the back were listed. Those people were no longer employees of the city. (Smith and Watkins) Mr. Stanton replied they had to come to court and had to be given a certain amount of money. Alderman Farris also questioned a \$17,000.00 check paid to the county. The check was to catch up. The Municipal Court collects certain fees which are remitted to the State of Arkansas. Some is kept in the General Fund. The auditor found \$25,000 plus dollars in Municipal Court which had to be moved out. Rosie will write check each month from now on. Alderman Taylor asked if we were up to date. Yes, responded Mr. Terrell.

During the Mayor's Report he wanted to make a clarification that in the 2014 budget he used the October 31, 2013 figures. In the revenue we will have a 5% increase. That increase was based upon the months of November and December. It wasn't a 5% overall increase. It was for those two months. We will receive extra monies. These monies will be in the Street Fund. ½ cent sales tax equaling about \$40,000.00. Applications will be submitted this month for some extra streets. The street must be 18 ft. wide to be considered. Prayers and thought go out to

the Serio and Simpson families. Mayor Stanton made note of a good deed made by Mr. Serio to him when they served as councilmen in the 80's and 90's. Mr. Serio purchased a manual for Mr. Stanton. On January 1, 2014 the mayor attended a birthday party for Mrs. Narvell Woods. She was 104 years old. Mayor Stanton stated he will make this statement after every meeting – With pride and humility, this is the first of twelve meetings. God is good all the time. Mayor Stanton asked that Mrs. Taylor chair the meetings in March, June and October. In December of 2014, he is going to ask the pastor and officers of his church for a retirement meeting. He came in through the church and he wants to leave through the church. People have asked what he was going to do. He will be teaching college psychology courses.

Chief Aaron Smith stated we had a quiet holiday. There were two arrests. They are working on the Sunflower robbery. They do have a suspect in the John Deere robbery. He is also working on the dispatcher situation and getting ACIC back and ready to go. The question was asked why calls were rolling over to Dermott. The chief replied with, he was out of the office on calls and Jennifer was on vacation. He has 3 full-time officers and 1 part-time officer. He was also asked how the cars were holding up. Very well. Chief Smith said one car was in the shop having the struts replaced. He plans to take bids on the old police car behind the station. Alderman Farris also asked about the drug dog. He was given away. Alderman Serio asked if there were any complaints from Mrs. Johnson at the library. There was a little overtime due to the holidays and Alderman Serio would like to have driver's license and insurance check. Alderman Turner wanted to know if the police cars were picked up at the station and do they take them home. The officers take the cars home. Alderman Turner would like to set a date to work on the 2014 budget.

Alderman Serio asked that Attorney Mazzanti send a letter to Dermott to be in order. We need two-full time and 3 part-time dispatchers. The Chief will work up a schedule for around the clock. Mr. Sibley at the auto store had a problem and Dermott never dispatched an officer out.

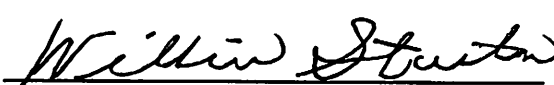
Alderman Allen stated there was a fire on Arch St. and they went to Archer St. Alderman Butler said the pagers don't work.

Mayor Stanton asked the council to compile a list of grants they are interested in. Alderman Allen asked what happened to the remaining grant monies from the White Foundation. Mayor Stanton responded it was being used to build a cover for the fire trucks. It was council approved. Alderman Turner asked could an ice machine be purchased. Mayor Stanton asked that Alderman Tisdale serve as liaison for the water project. Alderman Butler suggested that pictures be taken in the wards and brought back to the meeting. The Personal Policy

Committee did not meet. Alderman Taylor had a death in her family. The Economic Development Committee has projects in the works.

During Ward Reports Mr. Farris thanked the city for the lights on Main St. Mrs. Serio asked why the ambulance wasn't stationed here.

Alderman Turner 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