

City of Eudora
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**MINUTES OF THE EUDORA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

Mayor Stanton called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. There were six aldermen present for roll call. Aldermen Turner and Scott were absent.

Mayor Stanton called for the adoption of the October 16, 2012 minutes. Alderman Serio pointed out a change needs to be made on Pg. 2, last paragraph. It should read house arrest instead of jail time.

Each alderman received financial statements on all city account funds. Mr. Terrell, the CPA for the city, asked if there were any questions. There were none. The next council meeting will be held on Monday, December 17, 2012.

Mayor Stanton thanked all the committees for the time and hard work they had put in. Mr. Daniel Robinson of Arkansas Short Rail Railroad said they will soon start cleaning the tracks, bridge and underpass. There will be an office in Eudora. Sherri Reggans has been hired as the conductor of the railroad. The city would like to extend a special thanks to the Bob White Foundation for their contributions to the city. Their first was radios for 911 and the dispatchers in the amount of \$30,000.00 plus. We recently received notification that the Bob White Foundation will fund one of the fire truck at the cost of \$130,000.00. On last Saturday, the mayor attended a workshop at Lil Jacobs. It was sponsored by the Veteran's Administration. The attendees were told steps to apply for disability. They were also told about housing programs and financial programs.

The mayor attended the Grand Opening of the York Williams Development Ctr. and there were several council members present. The city received letters from the Superior Surgical Uniform Group complimenting the police dept. for the fine job they did at the 50th year celebration.

Attorney Mazzanti reported to the council and citizens that he checked into the contract with Get-Rid-of-It. There is an exclusive solid waste contract but to his knowledge the city hasn't entered into contract with anyone else. There isn't much that can be done about individuals using another source. On the dispatching issue, Dermott is interested in working with Eudora. The council asked Mr. Mazzanti to

look into an anti-sagging ordinance. He did a draft. There are constitutional issues to be concerned with. Passing this ordinance can invite litigations.

Alderman Tisdale stated that the issue of working out dispatching with Dermott is crucial. We actually spent \$105,000.00 instead of \$80,000.00 on dispatchers. He also met with Mrs. Turner to get a contract adopted. Mayor Gray will have to go back to the council. Mayor Stanton will contact Mr. Gray on tomorrow to get contract drawn up. Both parties can withdraw with 60 days notice. There was one bid on the tower for \$7,000.00.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to adopt the attorney's report and Alderman Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The clerk read a letter of engagement to the council from Mr. Clark Terrell, CPA .

Alderman Thomas asked where we are with duties being passed back to city hall. No one is ready to handle the law. We need someone familiar with tax laws for municipalities, legislative audit committee and local audit committees. We do need someone to reduce the cost, but it must be a gradual process. Mr. Thomas wanted to go on record as saying the city has a luxury we can't afford. Mr. Mazzanti is willing to work with Mr. Terrell with the IRS. Mayor Stanton stated that he had thought about combining the water, sewer and book-keeper position.

Alderman Serio made the motion to advertise for a bookkeeper or transition someone into the position. Alderman Farris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to accept the agreement of Mr. Terrell for bookkeeping services for the 2013 year. Alderman Farris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Terrell told the council that he was working on a matter showing what the city is capable of paying in installments over a two year period. He will demonstrate what the city can pay over 2 yrs. and excuse the debt. Alderman Serio asked if this is dragged out for another year will we owe you another \$5,000.00. He's working with a December 13th deadline. He's not going to make it. He needs a bond transcript that he can't find. He will ask for an extension.

Alderman Farris made the motion to hire Mr. Terrell to prepare IRS Form 656 Offer of Compromise and Alderman Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Tisdale made the motion to suspend from reading the letter of engagement for budget agreement and suggested that we amend the 2012 budget to confirm what is actually being spent. Alderman Thomas made the motion to table the letter of engagement of the 2013 budget. Alderman Farris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The city received one bid from Chicot Memorial Hospital. It states that a 2006 F-450 Ambulance, upon notification of award of contract additional units will be applied. The continuity is based upon Lake Village, Eudora and Dermott. The services will be provided if all three towns entered into contract with Chicot Memorial. Dermott will not be participating. If Chicot Memorial provided the ambulance there will be no subsidies from the city or the county. It specifies throughout the contract that the city will not have any financial obligation. However the Eudora ambulance may be repositioned to Chicot Memorial if needed to assure accurate coverage of both communities. Mayor Stanton disagrees with this. An ambulance must be housed in Eudora. The questions was asked at the Quorum Court, what are your choices? The answer was I do not know. The answer according to Mayor Stanton should have been we should have kept the service we had. Mayor Stanton is asking that the contract states (1) no subsidies for the city of Eudora and (2) that an ambulance be placed in Eudora at all times.

Mr. Jim Dintelman of Elite Medical Service thanked the city of Eudora and informed them they would be on duties until Midnight December 31, 2012. He plans on staying in Dermott and neighboring counties.

Alderman Tisdale made the motion to accept the bid of Chicot Memorial Hospital and Alderman Farris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There are no insurance rate increases for this year. An enrollment date needs to be established before December 14, 2012. Meet with all employees Monday, Nov. 18 and have forms completed by Wednesday.

The clerk read a resolution for the construction of a new fire station. Alderman Thomas made the motion that the resolution be adopted for the construction of a new fire station. Alderman Farris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

It was also suggested that Mr. Morphis's raise based on other terms and other duties (compliance code officer) be considered when amending the budget.

There weren't any comments during Ward Reports.

Mrs. Lottie Weston told the council of the problem with water backing up on Baker St. when it rains. Mayor will send someone out to check it tomorrow.

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

William Stanton Alexis Risper
William Stanton, Mayor Alexis Risper, Clerk

