

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

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

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

**FRANK FARRIS
LOUIS SCOTT
ROBERT THOMAS, JR.
DANITA TURNER**

**MINUTES OF THE EUDORA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stanton at 6:00 P.M. There were five aldermen present for roll call. Mr. Butler and Mr. Farris arrived late. Alderman Thomas was absent due to medical reasons.

Mayor Stanton called for the approval of the minutes. Alderman Tisdale informed the council and mayor that according to Robert's Rules of Order the 10th Edition that the minutes did not need approval. Mayor Stanton asked if there were any corrections to the minutes, if not the minute's stand approved.

Each alderman was given a financial statement for the month ending August 31, 2012 on all city accounts. Mr. Terrell asked if there were any questions, there were none. The financial report is approved.

During the mayor's report, he informed the council that he had the opportunity to tour the Lake Providence Port located on the out-skirts of Tallulah. The city has a multi-million dollar chemical plant project underway. Mr. Wiley Gifford is the director of the project. The mayor extended a thank-you to Mr. Morphis and crew, Sheriff Nichols and Mike Moore during the cleanup after hurricane Isaac. The Class of 1969 held its class reunion at the Austin-White Cultural Ctr. and donated picnic tables to the city in the past. Their project for this year was to plant shrubbery around the Senior Citizen Bldg. They also presented an authentic flag to the city of Eudora. This flag was flown over the White House and presented to Mrs. Georgia Gilkey. She has donated it to the city of Eudora. This year's audit has been completed. The pre- exist conference has been held. The final conference will be held in November or December. We were cited on the wage and hour attachment to the budget. The 2010 & 2011 Water audit has begun. The city received a JAG Grant from the Justice Department in the amount of \$4,200.00 to purchase equipment for the police department. Mr. Tisdale informed the council that the city received a \$35,000.00 grant for police and fire department to purchase radios.

Chief Watkins thanked J. Austin White Foundation for the new radios. Along with the radios a pager system is needed. The chief told about a break in on Pine St. where \$20,000.00 - \$30,000.00 in jewelry was stolen. Four days later two people

were arrested. Three or four more cases have already been solved. There will be no arrest until the prosecutor notifies the sheriff's department. Mrs. Serio asked chief if the curfew was working. He said yes, thank-you. It is really working. No shooting or fighting. Mr. Scott asked if the city had a generator. Mayor Stanton replied with the city has applied for a generator through Southeast Arkansas Economic Development. Mrs. Serio stated that chief doesn't have to ask permission to hire a part-time person, just replace the one that was terminated.

Mr. Morphis reported \$83,621.95 in cash receipts and deposits for the month ending August 31, 2012. All water samples are good. There are pipes at the water plant that needs replacing. He met with a guy and it will cost about \$1,000.00 with the workers during the replacing of pipes themselves. The brush truck the city owns needs to be under a pavilion. He priced one for \$565.00. There is still quite a bit of cleanup left to complete in the city. The rep from ADM was here and Mr. Morphis toured the city with him. You will need to have at least \$25,000.00 to qualify for emergency relief with ADM. Their payback is only 32%. If the city spent \$55,000.00 including labor and trucks the city's turn back would only be \$19,000.00. Mr. Morphis spoke with Mr. White out of Mississippi and Mr. Brown out of Monticello. Mr. White's bid was \$1,650.00 per day. It would take about 2½ - 3 weeks. Mr. Brown out of Monticello offered \$10.00 per yard. That includes clean-up; sweeping after it's picked up, clip hangers from the trees. It was estimated about 525 yards of materials to be hauled off. Mr. Morphis recommended to the mayor that we contract with Mr. Brown to get the debris cleaned up. After several questions concerning the cleanup and cost, Alderman Serio made the motion to enter into contract with Mr. Brown at the cost of \$10.00 per yard and not to exceed \$6,000.00. Payment will come from the Street and Water funds. Alderman Turner seconded the motion. There were 6 yeas and 1 nay Mr. Farris voted no.

Attorney Mazzanti informed the mayor and council that he suggests that the city hold off on the holiday pay for Chief Watkins. The representatives from Get Rid of It were presented at the meeting. They informed the council that the contract between them and the city would expire in December. The representative told the council of some ways in which they could save money by getting more residential customers. Some one else is coming into the city collecting their garbage. They were asking to collect the monies through the water meters. It would profit the city about 5% on a dollar. It would generate \$200.00-\$300.00 revenue per month for the city. The mayor asked Attorney Mazzanti to look over the contract with Get-Rid-of-It.

The clerk read a resolution to levy taxes for 2012 to be paid in 2013. Alderman Serio made the motion to adopt the resolution and Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Roll call vote – 7 yeas and 0 - nays

A Flood Prevention Ordinance was read to the council and Alderman Farris made the motion to suspend the rule and put the ordinance on its second reading by title only and Alderman Scott seconded the motion. Roll call vote – 7 yeas and 0 nays.

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Alderman Serio made the motion to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on its third and final reading by title only. Alderman Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call vote – 7 yeas and 0 nays

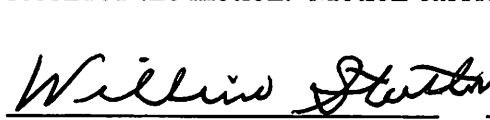
The Ordinance was read by title only. Roll call vote – 7 yeas and 0 nays The Ordinance is adopted.

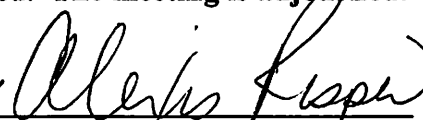
During Ward Reports concerns were with loud music, stray dogs and cats, street lights out on Main St. the ditch at the old Sonic needs cutting, deplorable housing conditions, hire a building inspector and enforce the laws. Alderman Tisdale also asked the budget be amended before year end to reflect actual expenditures. He asked that the police department cooperate with sheriff department, drug task force and other agencies and the police department give a report showing an effort, cut the administrative cost in the police department, reduce jail expenses, institute a home arrest program and cooperate with other jail entities to cut down on cost. Judge Mazzanti will speak with Judge Bridewell about the home arrest program. Other concerns were with a culvert on Swanigan and Front St., the ditch between Skate Zone and the fish plant is overgrown and needs cutting. The old Martar Manufacturing Bldg. is over grown. Mayor Stanton informed the council that the answering service was a no cost item. It takes messages for the Revenue Department.

Alderman Taylor informed the council that the Personnel Policy committee is still working on update for the Personnel Policy book. They are still waiting on comments from department heads and still gathering information.

During Audience comments, Mr. Avery Turner stated that he had called and spoke with Georgia-Pacific in Crossett about the excess wood in the city due to hurricane Isaac. Georgia-Pacific would buy the wood from the city and citizens if we could get it to Crossett. June Barefield, a former graduate of Eudora High School and retired military personnel wanted to know what and if she could help out by contacting property owner concerning over grown lots. Ms. Shatarri Williams asked that a retraction letter be sent out by the newspaper for posting false and misleading information. Deputy Sheriff Delnor Glenn stated that he lives in the city of Eudora and is always willing to assist to make sure that the citizens of Eudora are safe.

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


William Stanton, Mayor


Alexis Risper, Clerk