

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

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**MINUTES OF THE EUDORA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 8, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stanton at 6:00 P.M. There were seven aldermen present for roll call. Alderman Serio was absent.

There were no corrections to the June 3, 2013 regular Meeting minutes or the June 13, 2013 Special Call Mtg. minutes. The minutes stand approved.

Miss Carol Brown of Little Rock, AR CDC Consultant spoke to the council and citizens about establishing a "Eudora Medical Educational Academy. This institute is for rural areas. It consists of classes for EMT's, Pharmacy Techs and Labamony. The cost for the programs is \$4,900.00-\$5,000.00 each. There will be assistance in finding students financial help. The cost to the city is not exactly known. The Department of Education will let the city know. You must be interested in the program. The program will be housed on the Johns Campus. Criteria to enter into this program are: must be 18 yrs or older, must have a GED or acquiring one. Class hours will be from 9:00 – 3:00 p.m. There will be job placement following internship. If a student changes his mind the city will refund the agency. The refund will be a pro-rated amount. Ms. Brown recommends that the city has at least ten (10) students interested. Alderman Thomas made the motion to submit a letter of interest to the Medical Academy and Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Each alderman was given a financial statement on all city account fund ending May 31, 2013. Alderman Turner questioned the Quick Book Payroll. Mr. Terrell informed her that two employees are enrolled in direct deposit. Alderman Tisdale discussed with Mr. Terrell the Budget Comparison for May 31, 2013. There was an excess of expenditures for the month of May of \$10,240.00.

Mayor Stanton welcomed everyone to the meeting. He informed the council and citizens that he invited the Natl. Historic Team of Little Rock to come out and look to see if any of our building qualified for the National Registry. The Tolliver Gym will be 50 yrs old next year. The Art Building is being considered as a site and First Baptist Church on 159. Mayor Stanton saw an outdoor classroom at Warfield Point Park in Ms. He spoke with Mr. Moore about what he saw and Mr. Moore donated \$2,000.00 of his personal monies and the National Forestry donated \$4,000.00.

Construction will begin on this. Trees in the park will be labeled for students to study. The mayor attended a hwy. dept. in Little Rock; Eudora applied and has been approved for the grant to renovate some streets in Eudora. The grant was approved for \$125,000.00. A letter was re-submitted to the AR Department of Correction asking that the city's debt be dismissed. The letter has gone to the board for review. There are several youth program being initiated in the city. Better Choices - 10-19 yrs. old sponsored by the Health Dept. Ms. Lisa Stewart, is over the program. Students who participate in the program will receive \$20.00 gift certificates. Mrs. Jamie Harper is over a Reading, Writing and Literacy Program taking place at Lil' Jacobs Learning Ctr. on Main St. This program will be from 4:00-7:00 Monday - Thursday and 9:00 - 12:00 on Saturday morning. The students have computer access. The students will have certified instruction. Mayor Stanton spoke with the class of 2003. As counselor of Eudora High School, he always asked do you have a thirst for knowledge. Do you have a burning desire for education? The class of 2003 asked him this question when he entered into the fellowship hall. The water audit has been submitted. Mayor Stanton met with Chief Watkins and he has been working with the city of Eudora for nineteen (19) yrs. He will be retiring. He will remain on until a new Chief has been appointed. Next week advertisements will begin. They will run for two (2) weeks. Interviews for the position will begin in August. The council will set the salary for the new chief of police. A Special Call Mtg. will be held when the Personnel Policy Committee has completed the handbook.

Attorney Mazzanti informed the council and citizens of Civil Action #13-1005 case Ricky Lee, Plaintiff v. Alice Woods, et al Defendant in which Chief Horace Watkins has been named as a defendant. The case has been referred to the Municipal League Defense Program. The \$3,000.00 the city sent to represent the district clerk is still in possession of the Municipal League. He will check to see if the monies that are already there be used in this case. It will cost \$3,000.00 to represent Chief Watkins in this case. Alderman Thomas made the motion to give the city attorney permission to precede with the payment of \$3,000.00 on the lawsuit US District Court - Western District of AR #13-1005 in the matter of Chief Watkins v. Ms. Alice Woods on a contingency basis. Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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During Ward Reports concerns were with: if Knight St. could be re-paved with some of the grant monies received, if Mr. Morphis checked on the prisoners cleaning up vacant lots, lights out on Main St., the gym is being left open and it could become a health hazard by some young lady being dragged into the building and raped, young people are just sitting in the middle of streets and the firemen pagers aren't being paged.

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


Willam Stanton, Mayor


Alexis Risper, Clerk