

**City of Eudora
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**WILLIAM STANTON, MAYOR
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**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
DENNIS BUTLER
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STEPHEN TISDALE**

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

**MINUTES OF THE EUDORA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 15, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stanton. There were seven aldermen present for roll call. Mr. Thomas arrived shortly after roll call.

Alderman Turner made the motion to adopt the minutes from the April 17, 2012 regular meeting and Alderman Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried. The minutes are adopted.

Alderman Serio made the motion to adopt the minutes from the April 24, 2012 special call meeting and Alderman Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried. The minutes are adopted.

Mrs. Mary Turner was hired part-time on May 14, 2012 as the office assistance at \$8.50 hr. Mrs. Rosie Green was hired on May 25, 2012 as office clerk at \$8.50 hr. Mr. Willie Ester was hired on May 29, 2012 as part-time animal control at \$7.25 per hr.

Each alderman was given financial statements on all city account funds for the month ending April 30, 2012. Alderman Turner questioned payments to Security monitoring. Mr. Terrell told her those were carryover from 2011. The four payments equal four months payments. The \$599.40 was to ARNET Computer for Security Monitoring. Questions arose on a payment to Hensley Dozer for \$725.00 and Tan Hill for \$432.29. Mr. Terrell will check invoices. Questions arose as to the contract labor for \$1,099.50 at the police station. Mary Fletcher and Jennifer Bordelon were paid a hrly rate after Mrs. Perkins left for casual labor. Perkins Consultants wrote a grant for equipment for the police department. There were no social security taxes paid on these people. Double Quick bills were caught up and then they cut the city off. The city has applied for a card with Scott's. There will be three cards. There will be one card for the police dept, street dept and Maintenance Dept. Chief Watkins and the department heads will turn in mileage.

The police department has a 2,100.00 uniform allowance and the city pays Lakeside School District \$300.00 monthly for rental of the police station. The rental bill had gotten behind. Alderman Jones asked about the sanitation revenue. Revenue received in the amount of \$3,756.00, shows no expenditures, it also shows revenue of \$2,751.00 which is \$1,000.00 off. Mr. Terrell stated that we are not getting as much money in on trash. Question asked, why. Mr. Terrell responded he didn't know. Alderman Jones asked why anyone wasn't on top of that. Mayor Stanton stated he had a copy of the agreement with Get Rid of It. He will check into it.

Alderman Tisdale stated that the council members received a letter from the Joint Audit Committee stating they would like to see some of the minutes. Mr. Terrell said he spoke with the committee and they wanted the May and June financial statements. The city clerk will mail out financial packet to Legislative Audit.

There will be an insurance rate increase beginning July 1, 2012. Single rates will increase from \$405.00 monthly to \$495.00. Family rates will increase from \$495.00 to \$580.00 monthly.

Alderman Serio made the motion to purchase a Hardy hydraulic side mount mower in the amount of \$1,250.00 and Alderman Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney Mazzanti received a letter concerning the attorney's fee which the council has already taken care off. He was also asked to draft a contract between the cities concerning the dispatching services which we're asking the county to be in charge of. The purpose of this contract is for receiving dispatching and or cost to the Eudora Fire and Police Dept. This contract will be perpetual. It will cost \$40,000 a year, paid by monthly installment of \$3,400.00 and one installment of \$2,600.00 for the twelfth month. It will continue each year. The parties agree that they will not wait until December 31 to enact such ordinances necessary to budget monies and appropriate such funds for the succeeding year. The county agrees to dispatch to appropriate locations according to the citizens, relay messages to the police, fire and other emergency personnel in Eudora and Lake Village, oversee all emergency communications for the city of Eudora, receive and maintain files and record for citizen request work or service performance. Not later than November 30, 2013 and not later than November 30 of each year thereafter, the county will notify the city in the event of a proposed change in the amount of consideration to be paid by the city. The city will notify the county of any objection to the increase if any. In the event of any objection the parties would use good faith efforts to negotiate any expense budget satisfactory with both parties. If an agreement can't be reached this provision allows for the city to pay the \$40,000.00 for the coming year. The contract will then terminate December 31st of that following year. The contract also allows for the termination of this agreement otherwise ninety days written notification. If

notice is given by the city it will be directed to the county judge. If notice is given by the county it will be directed by the mayor.

Mayor Stanton spoke with the Maxwell firm concerning Water and Sewer Audit. They will need financial statements for water dept. There are no financial statements for the water dept. They have not been produced yet. They needed financial statements for 2010. The general ledgers have been created. You can't make a financial statement off the general ledger. It will take some work to do this. The Maxwell Firm will get the 2010 & 2011 w as Mr. Terrell response.

Mr. Richard Johnson was given a special letter of recommendation and recognition by Mayor Stanton on behalf of the city for services well done. Thank-you.

Alderman Serio made the motion to go into executive session to discuss police dept. employees, office clerk position and dispatchers. Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Upon returning from executive session, several recommendations were made. Alderman Serio made the motion that the dispatching agreement be tabled until the Police committee meets with the Quorum Court about restructuring under county jurisdiction. Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Alderman Serio made the motion to increase the hours of Mr. Marvin Sibley so that it includes Building Inspector. Alderman Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Serio made the motion to hire a part-time animal control person. Alderman Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.


Mayor Stanton gave his own personal appreciation to Mrs. Patricia Toney for twenty-three (23) years of service to the city of Eudora.

During Ward reports, concerns were with stray dogs, parking cars at the post office on the first of month, overgrown lots, run down houses and spraying the grass that growing on the walking trail. Alderman Jones thanked the Pardon for the clean-up done at the intersection.


Mr. Farris concerns were with school being out and the children having nothing to do could the chain goals be put back up. Mayor Stanton informed him that a renovation grant was in process. Mrs. Moye asked if a city employee removed a culvert who was responsible for replacing it. After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Stanton said he would talk with Mr. Morphis. Mr. Davis presented a copy of the

Lake Village Ordinance No. 1.191, an ordinance prohibiting loud and raucous amplified noises. A representative from the ambulance station was present and stated the reason no one was housed in the ambulance station was because of sewage problem. There was black mold in the building. The air ducts have been cleaned, deodorized and sanitized. The building was unlivable. Since no one was living there the building has been broken into and a 26" TV, I-Pod and camera were stolen. They will return as soon as it is livable.

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



William Stanton, Mayor



Alexis Risper, Clerk