

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

**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
MAY 5, 2014**

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

The minutes from the April 7, 2014 Regular meeting were adopted as printed.

Each alderman was given a financial report on all city account funds for the month ending March 31, 2014.

Mr. Terrell reported that a third revenue officer has been assigned to our case. There is a new balance of almost \$244,000.00. A binder with 325 pages has been submitted to the IRS. The revenue officer will determine payment arrangements. The city is in better shape. Its average monthly net income is about \$18,000.00. March 31, 2014, the first quarter the city ended with an excess of \$250,000.00. The total bank account on March 31, 2014 was \$998,000.00. Alderman Tisdale asked if the city was straight with the Municipal League. Mr. Terrell responded yes as of December 31, 2013. Mr. Terrell told the council that Mrs. Butler had questioned getting into APERS. She has been employed with the city since 1987. There are records from 1994. Alderman Allen questioned several checks written to Chester Hensley in the amounts of \$2,060.25. She also stated that Hensley was contracted for \$1,800.00 to tear down the old cafeteria on the Elementary campus. Alderman Serio asked if bills were received at city hall. Were their signed p.o.'s and invoices. Mayor Stanton responded yes, there are p.o.'s and invoices. Alderman Allen also questioned the monies received for the outdoor classroom. What was done with that money? Nothing.

During the mayor's report there was a Weatherization Program meeting where about 200 people attended. \$7,500.00 was allowable for inside work or roof work. Will work on three more homes in Eudora and completed by June 30, 2014. He also met with Mr. Jack Craig last week. He is working on 1.3 million dollar project to help with the water/sewer grant. A survey needs to be completed. The city will probably qualify for 70-80%. Mr. Gaunt is assisting with this. He also suggested hiring Mr. Arthur James to fill vacant position of Water/Sewer Supervisor. Mr. Craig recommended Mr. James. He was hired on Thursday. May 1, 2014.

Mayor Stanton will begin repaying legal fees of \$2,200.00 paid to the IRS. A copy will be at city hall. It will be paid in full by the end of his term. Mayor Stanton asked that Alderman Taylor chair the July and October meeting. Mr. Thomas will chair Budget Committee Meeting. The budget committee meeting date will be rescheduled. Petitions can be picked up for mayor in the middle of May thru July 15. The water tank will be painted in October. There will be a public hearing. McClellan will complete the work. A business was closed temporarily. The person did not have an occupational license. You must have a permit from the city. If you do not have a permit your business will be closed.

Mayor Stanton recited a list of names of people who graduated from Eudora who had gone on to make great accomplishments. Some are Doctors, lawyers, judges etc.

Nurses Day is May 5th at Chicot Memorial Hospital and at Lakeside High School.

Mayor Stanton reported to the council that Lee St. will not be closed. Alderman Allen recommended that the city adopt an ordinance just to place in the books. Mayor Stanton asked if they wanted to pay for a survey. Mayor Stanton suggested that we wait and see then go back and adopt an ordinance.

Mayor Stanton spoke with Mr. Paul Jones of ADFA to do homes in Eudora. The program will remain with the county. Four homes in the city limits and one outside of the city limits. The mayor will get back to the council with more information. The auditor said the city needed to establish an amount for fixed assets. The auditor's suggestion was \$2,500.00. He also asks for ledger items that cost \$2,500.00 and over.

Mayor Stanton recommended Mr. Arthur James for the position of Water/Sewer Supervisor. He comes highly recommended by Arkansas Dept. of Health and he is a resident of Eudora. He will be employed for \$500.00 per week for a total of \$26,000.00. It was suggested that a contract should be drawn up with a job description. He will work three different towns a certain amount of days. It was also suggested that Vincent Gooley be asked to supervise the

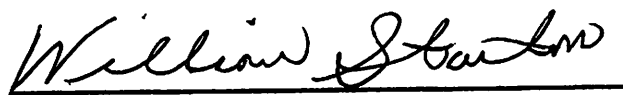
Street department part-time. It was also asked if the chief of police was serving as the code enforcer. Mayor Stanton told the council that he sent him out to talk with a few people.

During committee report Alderman Serio reported that the committee had been checking into a high tech computer system for the police dept. The city would have to purchase a special computer with specific software. ACIC will need to be restored to the city. The system will consist of four computer, one cell phone and Wi-Fi. The phone will ring at the police station. After 4:00 p.m. it will ring the cell phone. Car calls will be recorded when made. Hopefully the chief will have a cost at the next budget committee. Mr. David Jones stated he would like to see how it works in a small area.

Mr. Farris spoke for the cleanup committee, saying that cleanup will be the third Saturday in May and the Cultural Ctr. will make flyers announcing the cleanup. Next year they are in hopes of giving the children prizes. Alderman Tisdale asked what to do with bagged leaves? Get-Rid-of-It won't pick them up nor will the city. Alderman Thomas suggested we figured out what to do with people riding and throwing garbage out of the windows.

During Ward Report Mrs. Allen had a concern with abandoned buildings and writing on the wall in the downtown area and no trucks to haul garbage to the landfill. Alderman Farris had concerns with the police chief seen driving the police car in Pine Bluff, AR.

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



William Stanton, Mayor



Alexis Risper, Clerk