

**City of Eudora
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**MINUTES OF THE EUDORA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stanton at 6:00 P.M. There were eight aldermen present at roll call.

The mayor called for the approval of the minutes for the August 5, 2013 meeting. Alderman Farris stated the minutes did not reflect what he said concerning the mayor's asst. position. The clerk will check tape against minutes.

The mayor called for the approval of the minutes from the September 9, 2013 minutes. The minutes are approved with no corrections.

Each alderman was given a financial report on all city accounts funds for the months of July and August, 2013. Terrell suggested that the budget committee get together and decide what you want listed in the monthly reports. Alderman Allen asked how much did the city pay to have the carnival come to town. There was no charge for the carnival and no checks were written for the carnival. Alderman Serio asked about the electricity used for the carnival. Did the city supply it? Mayor replied we haven't received a bill yet. Alderman Farris asked about the garbage. Mayor Stanton and Mr. Morphis responded by saying that the carnival took care of their own garbage.

Alderman Tisdale stated that if it's not a budget item the city has to approve it. Alderman Allen asked that the electricity bill be brought before the council. Alderman Farris asked about the mosquito control. Mayor Stanton responded with they sprayed last month and are scheduled for one more spraying.

Alderman Tisdale brought up reconsidering the street money resolution. Mayor Stanton said the he and Mr. Morphis went to Monticello to a meeting and everything is ok. Construction will begin on Knight, Peeble and Park Place. Resurfacing will start around October 14, 2013. Alderman Tisdale also brought up the fact that the mayor and city clerk signed off on a document that was not council approved.

Attorney Mazzanti stated that the council could go ahead and ratify the resolution. Conversations have been held with the state. The clerk read the resolution expressing the

Willingness of the city of Eudora to utilize State Aid Monies for the following city project (Job C09001). Alderman Farris made the motion to change the date on the Resolution. Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Tisdale made the motion to amend the agenda and add the resolution for Street Aid to the agenda. Alderman Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Farris made the motion to change the date of approval on the State Aid for streets to October 7, 2013. The resolution date has been changed.

Alderman Allen made the motion to add Mrs. Risper's resignation to the agenda.

Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Attorney Mazzanti stated that the council doesn't have to vote on the resignation.

Old Business – Alderman Tisdale questioned the minutes of August 5, 2013, stating that the auditors said bids don't have to be taken. Mr. Tisdale wanted to correct that, he asked the auditors and they said it wasn't so.

During the Mayor's Report the mayor thanked Mr. Taylor for serving as Mayor Pro Tem during the August 5, 2013 meeting in his absence. The mayor attended a Racial Disparity Meeting on young black minorities in prison. In Arkansas 56% of young black men and women in prison. On September 10-11, 2013 he attended a Brown Field Grant Workshop. This organization is out of Texas and deals with building that have been condemned. He has a grant with him that he would like to complete. This is a clean-up grant. Brown Field will give three (3) clean-up grants per year. Each grant is \$200,000.00. Some of the criteria for small towns are population and poverty rate. He's asking for help from council members and council approval on this grant. The mayor met with Get-Rid of It and reduced the number of garbage pickups in Eudora to 788. The check will be \$12,000.00 instead of \$14,000.00. We are working on the outdoor classroom in the park. This will be in two (2) phases. We will receive \$4,700.00. The mayor also met with Mrs. Tandy White, Regional Director for Entergy. They have a city smart program, (little or no cost to the city) making city hall efficient. The mayor also met with Mr. Hosack, Mrs. Ashley and Mr. Sheppard, COE of Superior Uniform Group. Mr. Sheppard told Mrs. Ashley to go ahead and hire more people in Eudora. They want to do an expansion which will bring in more jobs. The 2016 contract will expire. They would like some assurance before investing a lot of money. The annual income from the Superior Uniform Group is 5 million dollar per year. Mr. Sheppard said he will move this company at anytime. Alderman Thomas asked if the city needed to vote on a contract. Attorney Mazzanti stated he hadn't had the chance to go over the entire contract. He will be prepared by the next meeting date.

Attorney Mazzanti report on holiday pay for former Chief Horace Watkins. Alderman Turner asked the attorney to check to see if the chief actually worked on holidays. The monies that were paid to the Municipal League for the district court clerk lawsuit fee cannot be used to pay representation for former Chief Watkins. He was named in a

lawsuit by plaintiff Ricky Lee. The monies paid for the district court clerk will go into a trust fund. An Ordinance to close a section of Lee St. requires a consent form from adjacent landowners. He is in the process of trying to find the landowners.

Mr. Aaron Smith, the new Chief of Police for the city of Eudora, addressed the council for the first time. He said he is currently working to improve the department and work with the community. Officers are making arrest. Break-ins are down and he's looking to move forward. Alderman Thomas asked how were the police cars holding out. We have two (2) cars running for five (5) people to use. Overtime is up. We have 3 fulltime officers with himself, one (1) part-time officer and one (1) fulltime new officer. Alderman Turner asked what do you call up on the overtime. Chief Smith replied 50/60 hours per week. Mr. Terrell said the budget committee needed to look at the budget real soon.

During Mr. Morphis's report he informed the council and citizens that he has looked at the tree on Front St. Tree cutters come in once a month and cut limbs. It will cost \$1,600.00 to repair Knight St. A permit for a 2008 double wide mobile home to be placed on Worthington St. He has all required signatures and the zoning is well. Alderman Allen asked if there was a permit given for the mobile home on Prospect St. Mr. Morphis stated yes there was a permit. He also told the council that the home on Cherry St. that the tree fell though he found the owner today and will contact her. She actually resides in Arizona.

Alderman Serio made the motion to pay for the tree cutting and Alderman Turner seconded the motion. It is also noted that the tree cutting was approved on the compliance officer's recommendation.

Old Business was some of the same concerns aldermen had asked about previously such as: big drop off on Hwy 65 and Swanigan St. Mrs. Serio stated that the lights on Main St. have a dead short in one of the wires. Mr. Butler has been out three (3) times and checked them. There is nothing wrong in the electrical box.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to apply for the GIF Grant and Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to apply for Revocation of old gym and Alderman Farris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Farris made the motion that the city of Eudora adopts Resolution 2013 -07 Healing Hearts. Alderman Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to adopt the resolution for levying taxes to be paid in 2014. Alderman Farris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Farris made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss the bookkeeper position. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Upon returning from executive session the mayor announced that no action was taken. Alderman Allen said the minutes stand approved.

During Ward Reports concerns were with the remains of the burned out cafeteria on the old elementary campus and making owners responsible for unpaid bills left by tenants.

During Audience comments Mrs. Padgit Williams spoke to the council about Mr. Hensley cows in the city limits surrounding her property. She has health issues and also a young child who can't go outside to play. He also has his cows surrounded by an electric fence. Attorney Mazzanti responded by saying he doesn't know if the city can enforce anything. Attorney Mazzanti will check on.

Mrs. Lottie Jean Weston also addressed the council concerning the erosion of her land due to flooding. Mr. Morphis had already presented the issue to the council during his report.

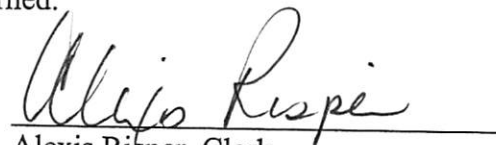
Alderman Tisdale said he had spoken with the judge about community service program. Try to start an ankle bracelet (house arrest program) while people are waiting for trial.

Mrs. Juanita Burton asked did the city qualify for the grant to redo the water system. Alderman Tisdale responded with it's not a 100% grant. It a 60 - 40 match. The city would have to show how it would be able to re-pay the loan. We are waiting for an audit of the sewer system.

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



William Stanton, Mayor



Alexis Risper, Clerk

