City of Eudora

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Eudora, Chicot County, Arkansas 71640

STEPHEN TISDALE, MAYOR **BOARD OF ALDERMAN**

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MINUTES OF THE EUDORA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 7, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stephen Tisdale at 6:05 p.m. There were 7 aldermen present when meeting was called to order. Alderman Beulah Maiden absent due to illness.

Alderman Robert Thomas moved, Alderman Charlene Taylor seconded that February 1, 2016 minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Financial/Treasurer’s Report, Clark Terrell, CPA- Mr. Terrell read prepared statement that all payroll taxes due and payable during the months of January 2016 and February 2016 have been paid. With the exception of the payroll taxes owed for 2010 and 2011, there are no unpaid payroll taxes for any period. The January installment payment of $9,100 for the payroll taxes owed to IRS for 2010 and 2011 was paid on time on February 15, 2016.

The balance owed to IRS on January 31, 2016 is approximately $107,000.00 dollars. Alderman Travis Collins moved, Alderman Howard Brown seconded that the Financial Report be accepted. Motion carried.

Mayor Tisdale and Gaunt Engineering presented City of Eudora Water Improvement Memorandum of Agreement and 3 resolutions for City Council approval:

Alderman Travis Collins moved, Alderman Charlene Taylor/Robert Thomas seconded that Mayor Tisdale is authorized to sign Memorandum of Agreement. Motion carried.

Alderman Travis Collins moved, Alderman Robert Thomas seconded that Resolution to Borrow Money (350,000) be approved. Motion carried.

Alderman Travis Collins moved, Alderman Robert Thomas seconded Resolution for Mayor and City Clerk is authorized to sign checks be approved. Motion carried.

City Attorney – nothing to report

Chief El-Amin requested approval to purchase walk thru metal detector with money allocated by Prosecuting Attorney to Eudora Police Department from drug seizure. Alderman Robert Thomas moved, Alderman Travis Collins seconded that purchase be approved. Motion carried.

Chief El-Amin also informed the City Council that the City of Eudora Police Department Personnel Policy and Procedures are being revised.

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Permit requests included the following:

1. Mr. George Marshall – not present, fine will be assessed.
2. Mr. Kincade-moved a mobile home before permit issued-Alderman Frank Farris moved, Alderman Marco Toney seconded Permit be approved. Motion carried.
3. Ms. Dorothy Benton-application for mobile home currently located on Prospect be moved to Scott Street. Two (2) Forbearance/Variance being requested. Alderman Frank Farris moved, Aldermen Marco Toney/Debra Scott seconded that once Ms. Benton has given proper notice to neighbors, a Special Called meeting will be held to grant Variance. Motion carried.
4. Mrs. Ledlow – started process for mobile home permit. No data/certification plates. Variance will be addressed at Special Called Meeting.

Alderman Thomas suggested that City run a Notice in the paper stating qualifications that has to be met for mobile home permit compliance.

Ranay Porchay of ABC Adolescent Center wants the support of the City to sponsor a Play Day for 3 hrs for ages 0-18 years of age. The proposed date for event is Sept/October 2016. Possibly, Labor Day Weekend from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Center is requesting the use of tables, chairs, a generator and the use of the City Park. Alderman Frank Farris moved, Alderman Marco Toney seconded that the City will support this effort.

Alderman Travis Collins moved, Alderman Frank Farris seconded that City Coding books be updated. Motion carried.

Alderman Marco Toney moved, Alderman Debra Scott seconded that fee be paid for Cameron Thomas to re take test for Water License. Motion Carried.

Alderman Frank Farris moved, Alderman Harold Brown seconded that $5000 Secured Credit Account be approved. Motion carried.

Ms. Rosalind Renee Burgess requested the support of the City for a Mental Health Fair. City agreed to support the Mental Health Fair.

Alderman Travis Collins moved, Alderman Debra Scott seconded the approval of $800 to purchase materials for repairs to gym. David Jones will recruit volunteers to provide labor.

Alderman Travis Collins moved, Alderman Robert Thomas seconded Mayor be given approval to purchase asphalt/gravel even if it’s over $1,000. Motion carried.

Fire Department need roof repaired on old Fire Department. Alderman Travis Collins moved, Alderman Debra Scott seconded to approve $8,000 to repair roof. Motion carried.

Street Department need new truck, electric tarp cover, drag leveler, new lawn mower and air compressor. Alderman Marco Toney moved, Alderman Travis Collins seconded the authorization up to $2500 to get a new air compressor.

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**Audience Comments**:

* Patricia Calvin requested help with $800 water bill. Alderman Frank Farris moved, Alderman Howard Brown seconded that Mayor be given authority to make payment plan arrangements with Ms. Calvin.
* Alderman Travis Collins requested that the City give pay raises to Mr. Ozell Minniefield and Mr Richard Johnson. Alderman Travis Collins moved, Alderman Marco Toney seconded that $10 per hr pay raises be approved for Mr. Minniefield and Mr. Johnson. Motion carried.

Alderman Frank Farris moved, Alderman Howard Brown seconded that meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

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Stephen Tisdale, Mayor Juanita Burton, Clerk