City of Eudora

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Eudora, Chicot County, Arkansas 71640

STEPHEN TISDALE, MAYOR **BOARD OF ALDERMAN**

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BEULAH MAIDEN MARCO TONEY

MINUTES OF THE EUDORA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 7, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stephen Tisdale at 6:02 p.m. There were 8 aldermen present when meeting called to order.

Regular scheduled meeting for November 2, 2015 minutes approved as printed.

Financial/Treasurer’s Report, Clark Terrell, CPA- Mr. Terrell read prepared statement that all payroll taxes due and payable during FY 2015 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 October installment payment of $9,100 for the payroll taxes owed to IRS for 2010 and 2011 was paid on time on November 12, 2015.

The balance owed to IRS on October 31, 2015 was $143,633.54.

Questions on financial statement included the following:

* Large # of repairs costs and # of hrs/days of the week Mr. Sibley worked.

City Attorney Mazzanti – no report.

Department Reports

*Fire Department*

Picture of 1995 Fire Department Truck with approximately 30,334 miles to be purchased from Eudora, Mississippi presented to council members along with necessary ordinance waiving the requirements for bids in purchasing a fire truck under exceptional situations.

Alderman Frank Farris moved, Alderman Howard Brown seconded that the rule requiring three readings of an ordinance in its entirety be suspended. Motion carried. City Clerk read “An Ordinance Waiving the Requirement of Bids in Purchasing a Fire Truck Under Exceptional Situations”. Alderman Beulah Maiden moved, Alderman Frank Farris seconded that the rule requiring 2nd reading of Ordinance in full be waived and Ordinance be read by title only. Motion carried. Clerk read Ordinance by title only for second reading. Alderman Robert Thomas moved, Aldermen Charlene Taylor/Frank Farris seconded that rule requiring 3rd reading in its entirety of ordinance be waived and ordinance be read by title only. Motion carried. City Clerk read Ordinance by title only for third and final reading. Alderman Frank Farris moved, Alderman Robert Thomas seconded that the Ordinance be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

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*Police Department*

Proposal to have dispatching for the City of Eudora conducted by County 911 System presented by Chief El-Amin. Discussion ensued. Alderman Frank Farris moved, Alderman Robert Thomas seconded that dispatching for the City of Eudora operate out of County 911. Vote among council members were 4 Yes (Aldermen Robert Thomas, Charlene Taylor, Frank Farris, and Beulah Maiden); 4 No (Aldermen Howard Brown, Marco Toney, Deborah Scott and Travis Collins).Mayor’s vote broke tie. Motion carried.

*Water-Sewer-Street*

Feasibility Plan for updating City of Eudora’s Water System presented to council members. Because City changed the way it did water treatment, the CO2 need to be higher. To have the Water Treatment Plant updated, the City need to go back to make modifications to the plans and request additional monies (approximately ½ million dollars estimated cost). City of Eudora water rate is excessively high and negotiations for work to be completed in progress.

Alderman Travis Collins moved, Aldermen Deborah Scott/Harold Brown seconded that Feasibility Plan be approved. Motion carried.

Old Business-

None presented

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New Business-

Items 1, 2, and 4 discussed and reported on under Department Reports.

Item #3 – Academy Certified Officer Employment Agreement

Chief El-Amin reported that it is Standard Procedure for Cities paying for Police Academy Training for officers to have as part of its Employment Contract Agreement that the officer receiving the training to agree to remain employed with said City for a minimum of 1 to 2 years. Otherwise the said officer and or new agency employing said officer to repay the cost of the training to the City that the officer is leaving employment. He was requesting approval for enforcement of that policy within the City of Eudora Police Department.

Alderman Frank Farris moved, Alderman Howard Brown seconded that Chief El-Amin enforce that policy to extend the employment agreement for a period of 2 years.

Item #5 – Clark Terrell Annual Accounting Contract

Alderman Travis Collins moved, Alderman Frank Farris seconded that Clark Terrell Accounting Agreement renewal be tabled until Mr. Terrell is present to answer questions. Motion carried.

Mayor Tisdale announced that a Budget Reconciliation meeting would be held at a later date.

There were no Ward Reports:

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Comments from Audience

* Council was addressed by Jack Foster from Pine Bluff, Arkansas questioning why the Competitive Bid process was being waived
* Citizen McBride requested update on issue related to the death of his dog involving dog catcher and police. Alderman Beulah Maiden requested that City Attorney respond to Mr. McBride in writing regarding the situation.

Alderman Frank Farris moved, Alderman Charlene Taylor seconded that meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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Stephen Tisdale, Mayor Juanita Burton, Clerk