City of Eudora

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STEPHEN TISDALE, MAYOR **BOARD OF ALDERMAN**

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FRANK FARRIS ROBERT THOMAS, JR.

BEULAH MAIDEN MARCO TONEY

MINUTES OF THE EUDORA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

August 1, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stephen Tisdale at 6:06 p.m. There were 7 aldermen present at roll call. Alderman Travis Collins was absent.

Alderman Robert Thomas moved, Debra Scott seconded Regular Meeting Minutes be approved. Motion carried. Alderman Beulah Maiden moved, Alderman Robert Thomas seconded Special Called Meeting on July 18, 2016 be approved. Motion carried.

Financial/Treasurer’s Report, Clark Terrell, CPA- Mr. Terrell reported that all payroll taxes due and payable during the months June and July 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 July installment payment of $9,100.00 for the payroll taxes owed to the IRS for 2011 was mailed on time on July 12, 2016. Balance owed IRS after July 12, 2016 payment is approximately $62,800.00 That balance is for the first two quarters of calendar year 2011. We have received a Certificate of Release of Federal Tax Lien for tax year 2010.

Financial report approved as presented.

2014 Water System Audit Overview presentation by Craig Kamanicki. The Audit performed on accrual basis. Mr. Kamanicki provided several page numbers within the written report that could provide cross reference to financial numbers verbiage (pages 4-11). Page 6 contains the Balance Sheet; Page 7 contains the Profit/Loss Statement; and Page 8 contains the Cash Flow Statement. Page 11 details debt service on bond payments of $128,000 scheduled to be paid off with Reserve account set aside for that purpose in 2017.

In response to question, it was noted that rates are set by ordinances. Alderman Beulah Maiden questioned about the monthly Bank Statements print out providing useful information.

Alderman Robert Thomas moved, Alderman Charlene Taylor seconded that Financial Statements be approved. Motion carried.

Mayor’s update:

Mayor presented chart listing 5 areas of city management and asked the council for input on needs/areas for improvement:

* Police Department: need police station/all current officers certified.
* Fire Department: need Brush Truck/remodel part of fire station
* Water/Sewer: need system easements
* Parks: need $60,000 for grant match for improvements to City Park

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* Economy:
  + get main street in shape
  + approval of grant for Discovery Museum
  + Tommy Marshall Memorial
  + $200,000 in individual donations
  + Railroad will be a positive influence on economics of this community.
  + jobs
* Mayor Tisdale asked council for thoughts about a Quick Response Vehicle to stabilize individuals until an ambulance get there

Alderman Reports:

* Alderman Robert Thomas-roof repairs on building in City Park
* Alderman Charlene Taylor-Graham Street need to be cleared; water leak at 1964 Front Street
* Alderman Howard Brown-Ms. Dorothy Jackson complained about property beside and in front of her being grown up.
* Alderman Frank Farris-Ms. Beverly Phillips complained about sewage problems on Cherry Street.

Department Reports

Chief El-Amin - Officers John Patrick Welch and Wayne Williams graduated from Officers Training Academy.

Code Enforcer, David Jones, reported responses to certified letters to property owners are being received.

Alderman Beulah Maiden moved, Alderman Robert Thomas seconded to sell Verizon Cell Tower with $30,000 to go toward General Fund debt, $28,000 toward Park Grant. Motion failed with Aldermen Brown, Farris, Scott, and Toney voting No; Aldermen Maiden, Taylor, and Thomas voting Yes.

A presentation was made by Sharon Burns on DHS Seasonal Worker Program

A Resolution to submit Park Grant was presented by Chief El Amin. Alderman Frank Farris moved, Alderman Robert Thomas seconded that the Park Grant Resolution be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Robert Thomas moved, Alderman Beulah Maiden seconded that the Mayor is authorized to purchase a DR Trimmer with remainder of 20k allocated for backhoe motor not to exceed $7500. Motion carried.

2014 Legislative Audit Findings Report was not available for vote.

Audience Comments

George Marshall asked if city can come in and locate water meter on his property. City advised they could but if he had put materials and or debris that covered the meter he would be responsible for moving it.

Alderman Frank Farris moved, Alderman Beulah Maiden seconded meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned

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Stephen Tisdale, Mayor Juanita Burton, City Clerk