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MINUTES OF THE EUDORA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 7, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Stanton. Seven aldermen were present for roll call. Alderman Thomas was absent due to illness.

The minutes for the Special Call Meeting held on February 19, 2014 were adopted as printed. The minutes for the Regular Meeting held on March 3, 2014 were adopted as printed.

Judge Mack Ball and Mr. Mike Morgan, Emergency Management Dir., informed the council and citizens that the city's tornado siren at city hall didn't have a backup battery and the siren at the elementary school was not holding a charge. The siren will not work if it doesn't have electricity. 911 sets it off. If the city spends a little money and move the system to the fire department, Mr. Morgan can set it off from his truck.

Alderman Farris made the motion to give permission to the county and emergency management to dispatch. Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Alderman Turner also asked that Chief Bunn check on the upgrade cost.

During the financial report, Mr. Terrell informed the council and citizens that the IRS has a new revenue officer. They are in the process of applying for installment payments. This is the third set of financials. We currently have a balance of \$243,000.00. Alderman Tisdale asked about Mr. Stanton legal fees. Mayor Stanton replied he hadn't heard from the attorney. Alderman Allen questioned \$7,000.00 for the upkeep of the park. Mr. Morphis, Bunn and Mrs. Bulter are allocated in parks. Alderman Allen also if the city used purchase orders. Mayor Stanton replied everything must be placed on purchase order with item number and invoice. Alderman Farris questioned a \$1,800.00 payment to Hensley Dozer Work. It was payment for work done to the backhoe. Alderman Farris also questioned the payment to Arkansas Democrat Gazette.

The city has a subscription with the newspaper. Ads are placed in the newspaper and copies have to be retained in the office. It cost about \$382.00 a year.

During the mayor's report, the citizens and council were informed the mayor attended a meeting at UALR for Racial Disparity. A meeting is held every three months – why young black men are in prison. He also thanked Mrs. Taylor for chairing last month's meeting. He also asked Alderman Farris to work along with Mr. Eddie Stewart on the clean-up committee. There will be a budget committee meeting at the end of May. The 2012 audit has been completed. A exist conference was held with the state auditor. The mayor accepted two letters of resignation; one from the officer Atkins and the Water/Street/Code Enforcer/Supervisor. He also received a letter from Arkansas Department of Health on site supervisors stating that the position can't be contracted out. He's asking that all aldermen attend the June session of the Municipal League Meeting. Mrs. Heather Nelson of Entergy, working with the SEAL Program will come in and do an assessment in homes for efficiency. Entergy will provide a rebate. Lake Village has set a goal of 900 homes. This is a partnership with USDA out of Monticello, AR to replace equipment that isn't energy efficient. The grant will replace roofs, floors, etc.

Alderman Farris made the motion giving the mayor permission to pursue a grant in the amount of \$150,000.00 through Delta Rural to do a road around Superior Uniform Group. Alderman Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney Mazzanti is still working on the items presented to him by the council.

During Chief Smith report, he told the council that Office Aikens resigned and returned all property. The question had come up concerning the chief using the police car for unofficial business. Chief Smith did not drive the car to Florida; the car was in the shop getting lights put on. Alderman Allen asked if the police cars that were damaged in the storm could be repaired with parts from the cars behind the police department. The city has three cars running and three cars down. Alderman Turner asked about the decals for the car. Chief Smith replied he doesn't plan to put on decals. He doesn't want to be recognized. Alderman Serio asked was there anyone to replace the officer who resigned. No, the city will have to advertise. Alderman Serio asked if there was some organization that could help the city to get guns off the streets. Chief Smith replied there isn't a gun registry. Alderman Turner asked about the overtime. Chief Smith replied no, he was trying to keep it to a minimum. Alderman Serio asked if Ron Nichols could help out.

During Chief Bunn's report he stated he would work with Mr. Morgan on upgrading the siren at city hall. A complete package with solar power, no electricity or no power outage would cost

from \$25,000.00-\$28,000.00. It can be moved from city hall so it can be heard. Alderman Farris thanked the fire department for coming out and moving branches after the storm.

The ordinance that was presented at the last council meeting was done incorrectly. The mayor can veto or the council can go back and do it correctly. After the clerk read the ordinance in its entirety Alderman Farris made the motion to suspend the rule and place it own its second reading Alderman Allen seconded the motion. The motion died of a lack of support.

Mr. Gaunt of Gaunt Engineering out of El Dorado, spoke with the council about securing sources to redo the water system. An application has to be filed to get on the list; it will take at least one year to complete study. He will show plans at the next meeting and he will need a documentation letter to do the work. Alderman Serio asked if this would affect our IRS payment and if the job had to bidded out. Mr. Gaunt said engineers don't bid out jobs it's by qualifications. Alderman Farris made the motion to give Mr. Gaunt permission to proceed with the application for Water/Sewer. Alderman Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Bryan Whittington came before the council to inform the city that they were the owners of the old Baker Flying Service and was asking the city to cut down the trees. Alderman Tisdale made the motion in favor of the airport and Alderman Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Maxwell presented the audit findings for the 2011 and 2012 years to the council and citizens. Alderman Tisdale made the motion to adopt the audit findings and Alderman Farris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Farris made the motion to adopt the Personnel Policy Handbook and Alderman Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Serio made the motion to designate Jennifer Bordelon to collect District Court fines and Alderman Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.


A letter of Proclamation for the Historic Preservation was read to the council and citizens. Mayor Stanton stated that on next year the Tolliver Gym would be fifty years old.

Mayor Stanton will talk with Mr. Nutt and get a letter to the council on the Water/Sewer Supervisor Position and salary.

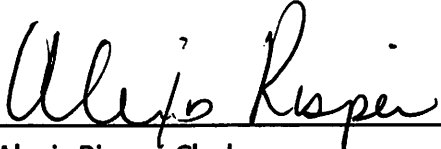
During Audience comments Mrs. Tiny Vail reported to the council that she had five areas she was working on putting out trash barrels. People are using the dumpsters from out of town.

During Ward Reports Alderman Serio asked that homeowners be asked to tear down old houses on their property.

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



William Stanton, Mayor



Alexis Risper, Clerk