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BOARD OF ALDERMEN MABEL ALLEN FRANK FARRIS CHARLENE TAYLOR STEPHEN TISDALE

DENNIS BUTLER
BECKY SERIO
ROBERT THOMAS, JR.
DANITA TURNER

MINUTES OF THE EUDORA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 3, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Stanton. There were six aldermen present at roll call. Aldermen Thomas and Tisdale were absent.

The January 6, 2014 minutes were adopted as printed.

Each alderman received financial statements for the month ending December 31, 2013 on all city account funds. During the financial reports, Alderman Turner asked if this was all the checks written in December showing on her sheet. She also questioned a check written to Mr. Terrell on December 12, 2013 for \$4,000.00 and a check for \$213.11. The checks were company checks and software for city hall. The Arkansas District Court Clerk \$50.00 and the judge \$300.00. Mr. Terrell informed it was for registration and dues. She also asked about the officers receiving small checks. The checks were for uniform allotments. Mr. Stanton received an \$84.00 check for travel. The question was asked how much have we paid the IRS. The city pays \$1,175.00 monthly. The IRS doesn't say how much the city owes.

During the mayor's reports he stated he received a call from Bill Horton, asking for a letter of support to renovate and update Chicot Apts. They may add an additional unit if they can acquire the apartments. He also received a call from Paul Jones. They built five homes in the city of Eudora and would like to come in and build five more homes. A public meeting should be held and the city will be responsible for providing copies of insurance and tax receipts from the homeowners. Mr. Jones is asking permission to go on with the program. The city will have to pay for the ad. The average cost of the homes is \$80,000.00. The owner will pay half the loan and the other half through a grant. Alderman Allen mentioned that this company was the same company who had people to move out of their homes to never have their homes rebuilt. Mayor Stanton stated that Eudora and Lake Village fell through with maintaining pertinent information (insurance and tax documentation). Alderman Serio asked if there was a deadline

and asked the mayor to check into it. Mayor Stanton announced his retirement program date will be December 13, 2014 @ 6:30 P.M. The mayor also received notification that the Outdoor Classroom grant had been approved. Grant amount is \$47,085.00.

During Attorney Mazzanti reports he has not finalized the closing of Lee St. He is still working on the ordinance for March. Alderman Allen asked if Mr. Mazzanti would be responsible for anything that comes up. He is unable to do anything until he gets a legal description of land. The surveyors will do a description. Mayor Stanton asked if he could charge his services to the railroad.

During Chief Smith's reports, he asked the council to purchase a 2012 Chevy Tahoe. It has 52,000.00 miles for \$30,000.00. He also told the council that a 2014 would cost \$30,850.00 but needs equipment which would make the final price \$52,454.02. The Tahoe is ready to go and not hurt.

Alderman Serio made the motion to purchase 2012 Chevy Tahoe for \$30,000.00. The motion died as a lack of support.

Alderman Allen made the motion to purchase 2014 vehicle for \$52,454.02. The motion died. Alderman Allen also told the council of an incident while a lady was in the hospital with her mother, someone broke into her home and cut the alarm system. The call was referred to Dermott and never reported to Eudora Police Dept. All 911 calls are dispatched to the county. Alderman Farris asked if the city could sell the old police cars. Alderman Butler suggested that the city try and get a grant and purchase two cars and put grant money on cars. Alderman Turner asked if Officer Atkins had moved to Eudora? No Alderman Farris asked if he was working in Reed, AR. Yes, part-time.

Mr. Morphis reported that the tanks had been approved. McClellan will open bid process beginning February 18, 2014. He also showed pictures of homes and addresses to the council which needed destroying. One lot on Arch St. has been cleaned up. They are still using the prisoners. Alderman Allen asked if the city still uses the 55 and older program. Applicants can fill out applications at the Workforce Center in Lake Village. You can make request through Valorie in Stuggart, AR. C.B. king has workers through the program. Alderman Allen asked about removing the speed bumps on Baker St. Mr. Morphis stated children still play on the playground. Alderman Farris asked if the new water man was going back to school.

Alderman Serio made a recommendation to get dispatchers back part time on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Jennifer 8-4; 1 part-time 4-12; 12-8 and Saturday 8-8 at \$8.00 per hour with a

\$4,500.00 budget. Attorney Mazzanti can check with Dermott to see if they are in agreement and ACIC needs to return to Eudora.

Alderman Serio made the motion to investigate and get dispatchers back on Thursday, Friday and Saturday part-time. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Taylor brought the revised Personnel Policy Handbooks to all council members and asked them to read over them and bring back to the council any changes or adjustments for them to act on. They used the 1993 sample handbook and the Municipal League Cities and Town Handbook.

Alderman Turner asked that the clerk read a letter from Ms. Wooten and Mrs. Toney requesting permission to host the Summer Festival on June 7, 2014. They are requesting the corner of Armstrong and Main St and the corner of Armstrong and Cherry St. The mayor will take care of it.

Alderman Serio asked that a public hearing be held to notify the citizens of the closing of Lee St.

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

William Stanton, Mayor

Alexis Risper, Clerk