

City of Eudora
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Eudora, Chicot County, AR 71640

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**MINUTES OF THE EUDORA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stanton @ 6:00 P.M. All eight aldermen were present at roll call.

The adoption of the minutes was asked to be held until returning from executive session.

Each alderman was given a financial report ending December 31, 2012 on each city account fund. Alderman Serio stated that she didn't receive her packet until on yesterday. She also asked that the meeting be moved to the first of the month. After a question and answer session, Alderman Turner made the motion to move the regular meetings back to the first Monday night of each month. Alderman Farris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

During the mayor's report, Mayor Stanton informed the council that he had recently attended the 103rd birthday celebration of Mrs. Norvell Woods. He gave Mrs. Woods a proclamation and is considering making a proclamation day for all citizens of Eudora 100 years +. The Water Audit is underway and should be complete shortly. He also spoke with Judge Bridewell and she is not in favor of the Work Release Program. She will accept recommendations from Chief Watkins and he would be responsible for the supervision of the program. Mayor Stanton met with Attorney Charles Sidney Gibson, Attorney Mazzanti, Mayor Gray and Chief Watkins. They met concerning the dispatching contract with Dermott. The date was changed to be effective February 1, 2013. Reynold Meyers has given a completion date as of February 1, 2013 to have all equipment installed. The dispatchers for the city of Eudora will receive termination notices on Monday, January 28, 2013. February 8, 2013 will be their last day of service. The Highway Dept. will be giving a defensive driving class for all city employees.

Mayor Stanton thanked all the committees for a job well done. He will be adding two (2) new committees; 1) Economic Committee and 2) Water and Sewer Project Committee. These committees will have citizens involved.

The council had asked that all salaried employees have a contract. The Municipal League does not recommend this. Each employee will receive a copy of his/her job description with their salary included. The council will receive a copy.

Mayor Stanton asked what was going to happen on February 8, 2013. Answer- the city of Eudora was incorporated and will be 109 years old. He also presented Chief Robert Bunn with a Certificate of Appreciation for his works with the volunteer Fire Dept. Alderman Farris asked if the dispatching contract with Dermott was for one (1) year. Attorney Mazzanti informed him that it was a one year contract and we can give a sixty (60) day notice after one year on either party.

The city clerk read an ordinance for the Arkansas 2011 Energy Code. After the reading Alderman Serio made the motion to suspend the rule and place the reading on its second reading. Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Roll call vote – 6 yeas and 2 nays. Alderman Farris and Allen voted no.

Alderman Serio made the motion to suspend the rule and place the reading on its third and final reading. Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Roll call vote - 6 yeas and 2 nays. Alderman Farris and Allen voted no.

Alderman Serio made the motion to adopt the Arkansas 2011 Energy Code and Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Roll call vote – 6 yeas and 2 nays. Alderman Allen and Farris voted no.

Alderman Allen made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss the book-keeper position, qualification and promotion. Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Upon returning from executive session, Mayor Stanton announced that no action was taken in executive session.

During Ward Reports, Mr. Farris presented information from Mr. Dixon of Lake Village, AR requesting to place a wrecker service in Eudora. His other concerns were with tearing down of the old concession stand at the football field, street light out on Main St, citizens knocking on doors late at night asking for money. Other concerns were house on Archer St. in which a tree fell into, pot holes on Front St., water backing up on Baker St. and King St. The ditches and culverts are clogged up. Alderman Turner asked about if a mobile home on Front St. got a permit from the city. Alderman Taylor asked if someone could re-check Baker St. for flooding.

Chief Watkins reported a gang problem between Lake Village and Eudora. There was a shoot-out at Chicot Apts. Two juveniles were involved. They were later found, weapon recovered and they were sent away. Chief Watkins asked the city to

hire another officer. Enough monies are being spent on overtime to cover the salary of a third officer.

Officer Thomas explained more into detail about the gang violence we have going on in the city. The parents of children from Lake Village and Eudora sat down and discussed how to stop the violence. The youth are out of control. He stated that he met six (6) youth on Cherry St. while driving his patrol car. The youth begin to mean mug him. He turned his car around and two (2) of the youth ran.

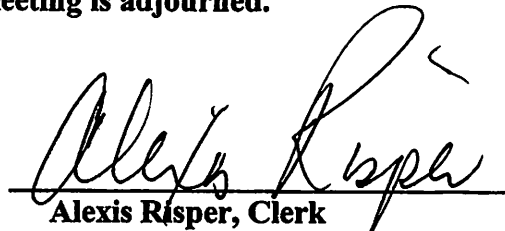
During Audience comments, Mr. Cleveland Harris spoke about the way the police dept. had issued him a ticket for not closing on time and because he didn't sign the ticket he was issued a second ticket for interfering with the duty of a police officer. He doesn't think it was right. Mrs. Mary Bates also spoke of the trouble she's having with the youth who come to the library. When the police are called nothing happens, she asked to write a report and still nothing happens.

Rev. Green addressed the council and the citizens trying to create a positive atmosphere between the citizens, police dept. and all concerned. We're praying for change. Rev. Green told the council of Mr. Charles Sidney Gibson spoke of giving his dispatchers a raise with monies received from Eudora. Eudora has just raised the employment rate by five, welfare, Medicad and food stamps.

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



William Stanton, Mayor



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FACSIMILE: (870) 265-2596**December 10, 2012****Via Fax No. 1-870-538-5029****Mr. Charles Sidney Gibson****Gibson Law Office****P. O. Drawer 510****Dermott, Arkansas 71638-0510****RE: Dermott/Eudora Intergovernmental Dispatching Agreement****Dear Charles Sidney:**

Pursuant to your request, this letter sets out the proposed terms of the agreement between Dermott and Eudora regarding the police department dispatching duties to begin on January 1, 2013.

In exchange for an agreement by the City of Dermott to handle the dispatching duties for the Eudora Police Department, the City of Eudora will pay to the City of Dermott the sum of \$40,000.00 per year, payable in eleven (11) monthly installments of \$3,333.33, and the twelfth installment of \$3,333.37, said installments beginning in ^{February} January, 2013. It would be understood that such dispatching duties do not include 911 dispatches.

The City of Eudora would be responsible for the cost, acquisition and maintenance of any equipment that would be necessary to enable dispatching capability between Dermott and Eudora..

All dispatchers are to be hired and discharged as employees of the City of Dermott and under the control of the City of Dermott.

After one year, either entity may terminate the agreement by providing the other with 60 days' written notice of such intent to terminate. Otherwise, the contract

continues under the same terms and conditions.

I believe that these terms are fairly complete. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me. Thank you.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely,

Joseph P. Mazzanti III
Joseph P. Mazzanti, III

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The above-stated terms and conditions are accepted and approved by the City of Dermott on this 28th day of December, 2012.

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FLOYD GRAY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

CITY ATTORNEY