

**City of Eudora
239 S. Main St.
Eudora, Chicot County, AR 71640**

**WILLIAM STANTON, MAYOR
ALEXIS RISPER, CLERK
JOSEPH MAZZANTI, ATTORNEY**

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
DENNIS BUTLER
BECKY SERIO
CHARLENE TAYLOR
STEPHEN TISDALE**

**FRANK FARRIS
LOUIS SCOTT
ROBERT THOMAS, JR.
DANITA TURNER**

**MINUTES OF THE EUDORA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stanton at 6:00 p.m. There were six aldermen present at roll call. Alderman Butler arrived shortly after and Alderman Scott was not present.

Mayor Stanton called for the adoption of the September 18, 2012 minutes. The minutes are adopted as printed.

Each alderman was given financial statements for each city account fund for the month ending September 30, 2012. Mr. Terrell was not present. Mrs. Serio asked if we had heard from the IRS. Mayor Stanton responded with he had received a letter making him responsible for \$91,000.00. Mrs. Turner wanted to know why the employee's information wasn't included in the financial statement. A question arose as to who was Thorn Communication. The mayor responded with, the telephones – we're leasing to own for \$135.00. GALL is specialized equipment for the police department. Maxwell is the water auditor. He's charging \$1,400.00 for water and \$1,400.00 for sewer. M & I – we had an emergency, we had to rewind and rewired the service well. Mr. Farris questioned a \$300.00 payment to Lakeside School District – which is rent for the police station. Scott Petroleum is diesel and fuel. Mrs. Serio asked about the \$3,000.00 one time payment to the IRS. Mr. Terrell hasn't received any information back and has stopped paying until further information is available or a settlement has been issued. Mrs. Turner questioned the \$300.00 pay to police officers. This is uniform pay.

During the mayor's report, he informed the council and citizens that he attended the 50th year anniversary of Superior Uniform Group. It was fantastic. Listen carefully, I have an invitation for each of you, I would like to invite each of you back in 2062 for the Centennial celebration. On November 8, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. the dedication service of the York Williams Development Ctr. will be held. He also attended the board meeting of the SEAC and they have received their 2 million dollar grant for the railroad. They should begin work soon on the railroad. The mayor reread ordinances 333 and 334. 334 was readopted in 2011, a section in this ordinance states that a resolution is done through council, a copy of that resolution is posted on the land. The land owner has the opportunity to come in and appear

before the council. We have gone through those procedures. 333 deals with a lien. We will not pursue the lien. We have the right to follow through with the other part of the ordinance. The fine is up to \$1,000.00 and \$500.00 a day per additional day. Thanks to the Bob White Foundation for the generous contribution to the city. The city received a check in the amount of \$35,000.00. for the purchase of radio equipment for the police and fire department. A special notice will be sent to them.

Mr. Morphis reported that the clean-up is finished. Emergency Management has checked it. Mr. Ken Brown was off on his yardage. It was almost double the quote. There were 36 loads equal 1,025 yards of debris. He has been paid \$6,000.00. His total bill was \$15,925.00 leaving a balance of \$9,925.00. We were declared a disaster area by the governor. We will be reimbursed. The total numbers are not available yet. Mr. Brown will be down Monday to finish up the paperwork. The city must pay the total amount before being reimbursed. 34% of the total amount will be reimbursed.

Alderman Serio made the motion to pay Mr. Brown in installments from the Water, Sewer and Street funds. Alderman Butler seconded the motion. Aldermen Turner and Farris voted no. Alderman Thomas suggested that someone find out when the deadline for repayment is.

Attorney Mazzanti reported on the chief's holiday pay. The chief was informed he would not receive holiday pay. He sought legal advice. The statute states that all law enforcement officers regardless of their title shall be compensated for all legal holidays established by the governing body of the municipality. He contacted Shawn Look to see what the reason was for not paying holiday pay. Her reason was, he's a salaried employee. After discussing with Mrs. Look, he felt that the language is really broad. It doesn't exclude those who are paid as salary employees. The attorney contacted Chief Wilburn in Lake Village to see how they do holiday pay. He told the attorney that he receives holiday pay, but it is written into his contract. He has a contract with the city of Lake Village. Eudora does not have a written contract with the chief. It's the attorney's understanding that the past chief of police have been paid holiday pay. He also contacted the Municipal League attorney and he felt like the chief should be paid. Attorney Mazzanti's recommendation to the council is to go ahead and pay the chief his holiday pay. Also consider entering into a contract with the chief and include holiday pay in the contract or decide will it be paid separately. Alderman Serio suggested that payroll records be provided for viewing and to draw up a contract for 2013 salaried employees. This would include Chief Watkins and Mr. Wayne Morphis. It was suggested that the attorney take a look back over the past several years to see what did happen.

Attorney Mazzanti also checked into house arrest instead of the county jail. Judge Bridewell is not adverse in doing this. It is very seldom that she imposes jail time.

She did send one person to jail for 90 days once. It was an extreme situation. He didn't serve the full 90 days. If she does impose jail time it will be for seven days.

Alderman Farris asked about the update to the contract with Get-Rid-of-It.

The city clerk read an ordinance to vacate and abandon portion of street running between Lots 7 & 8, Academy Street, Eudora, AR. Alderman Thomas made the motion to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on its second reading by title only. Alderman Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Roll call vote – 7 yeas and 0 nays.

Alderman Turner made the motion to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on its third and final reading. Alderman Farris seconded the motion. Motion carried. Roll call vote – 7 yeas and 0 nays.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to adopt the ordinance and Alderman Farris seconded the motion. Motion carried. Roll call vote – 7 yeas and 0 nays the ordinance is adopted.

The mayor attended a SEAC meeting in Pine Bluff, AR. He is asking permission to write a 2012 Innovative Grant for \$35,000.00. He wants to place a disaster shelter in Eudora. His plan is to use the old John's gym. He spoke with the Red Cross rep they will provide blankets, cots, etc. The problem is showers and the plumbing. A generator can be included in this grant. The deadline for grant submission is October 26, 2012. A disaster shelter is needed in a central location. Alderman Farris made the motion to allow the mayor to submit a grant application for a 2012 Innovative Grant. Alderman Serio seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Serio reported that the Police Dept. issues will be resolved this week. The Quorum Court tabled the discussion. There is still no word on the dispatchers. The city attorney will meet and draw up an agreement. The Personnel Policy Committee will meet soon to finalize its updates.

During Ward report concerns were with sagging pants, burned out building, old Exxon building, Little Freezer establishment lawn need cutting, the ditch behind the car wash also needs cutting, \$700.00 vet bill, trees behind the water shed, the owner will pay someone to tear it down. Charles Hensley has the owner's name and telephone number. The water is still hazardous on the corner of Front and Swanigan St., overgrown trees on King and Swanigan St., the discoloration of the water plant, and ambulance service. Alderman Tisdale informed the council and citizens that he spoke with the hospital staff and they are still interested in an ambulance service in Eudora. If an ambulance is out on a run, the ambulance housed in Eudora would be subject to recall. Bids are due October 26, 2012.

During audience comments, Ms. June Barefield had questions concerning zoning, commercial business, population distribution, why the city doesn't have a Ward Map, vacant lots, is the city paying for the website cityofeudora.org? Mayor Stanton replied with we just received a new ward map and we have asked who ever to remove the website. He also asked Ms. Barefield, Do you have a mirror? Do you see a city planner? She replied "yes"

Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson were present at the meeting to address the council about moving a mobile home onto their property. Their home was burned. Mr. Morphis stated zoning laws won't allow them to move a mobile home onto their land. The old city map shows Barton St., which does not exist. Attorney Mazzanti stated that if a person tells you that you can use their land, you will need a deed or an easement. They purchased a 16x80 mobile home and should be 25 ft. from King St. The city requires that your front door face the street. Mr. Morphis's recommendation is that the Simpson's be granted a variance. Attorney Mazzanti will check variances.

Alderman Farris made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Alderman Turner seconded the motion. The meeting is adjourned.



William Stanton, Mayor



Alexis Risper, Clerk

CITY OF EUDORA, ARKANSAS

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME---GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The Pink Ribbon reminds us that breast cancer is the most common cause of cancer and the second most common cause of cancer deaths in the United State. However, when breast cancer is detected in the earliest stages, there can be a 98% survival rate; **and**

WHEREAS: According to the Arkansas Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, one in three counties in Arkansas does not have a fixed mammography facility creating a barrier for many women to easily access mammography, and thereby possible increasing their mortality rate; **and**

WHEREAS: It is estimated that in the United States, 230,480 women and 2,140 men will be diagnosed with the disease in 2012, and approximately 39,520 women and 450 men will die of breast cancer. In Arkansas this year, an estimated 2,120 cases will be detected and will result in 490 deaths; **and**

WHEREAS: October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and Arkansas Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure has designated October 5 as Go Pink for the Cure Day to bring about awareness of the importance of mammography and to renew its commitment to removing barriers that prevent women from seeking mammograms:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM STANTON, MAYOR of the City of Eudora, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the City of Eudora, do hereby proclaim October 5th, 2012 as:

"GO PINK FOR THE CURE DAY"

Across the City of Eudora, and I urge all my fellow citizens to join me in helping to Promote efforts for the prevention and treatment of this deadly disease.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Eudora to be affixed this 18th, day of September, in the year of our Lord 2012.


WILLIAM STANTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

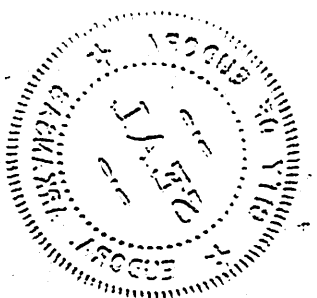

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