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MINUTES OF THE EUDORA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stanton at 6:00 P.M. There were six aldermen present for roll call. Alderman Thomas arrived shortly after.

Alderman Turner made the motion to adopt the minutes from the July 10, 2012 Special Call Meeting and Alderman Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried. The minutes are adopted.

Alderman Serio made the motion to adopt the minutes from the July 17, 2012 Regular Meeting and Alderman Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried. The minutes are adopted.

Alderman Serio made the motion to adopt the minutes from the August 7, 2012 Special Call Meeting and Alderman Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried. The minutes are adopted.

Mr. Terrell presented each alderman with financial reports on each city account fund for the month ending July 31, 2012. Alderman Serio asked if he had heard from the IRS. After sending them \$3,000.00 for July that the revenue office asked him to send, he hadn't heard anything else. Alderman Turner made the motion to adopt the financial report and Alderman Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried. The financial report is adopted.

Mayor Stanton informed the council and citizens that he had a discussion with other city officials about the ambulance service. Each city will be required to send out bid specifications for the ambulance service. The city of Eudora will send out their bid specifications the first of September and should be completed by the end of September. The presence of an ambulance beats no ambulance. The county will piggy back off of the city of Lake Village. In order to have an ambulance it would cost the city about \$150,000.00 to have an ambulance in Eudora if it goes through the county. The city's contract with Elite will expire the later part of December. Alderman Serio suggested that we encourage citizens to join a membership with the ambulance service.

Alderman Tisdale asked if we have an ambulance committee. There was an ambulance committee at one time and Mayor Stanton wasn't sure who the members were.

Alderman Scott asked about the people who don't have insurance? Alderman Serio suggested that the work something out with the ambulance service.

The mayor asked for a mixture of people to work with the ambulance committee. Mr. Farris volunteered to serve as well as Alderman Tisdale and Alderman Serio.

Mayor Stanton informed the council that he had a very strange request from a gentleman from Little Rock, AR. He was interested in securing a building for a club. He didn't give all information or all that was involved. He was mainly concerned with providing activities for young people. He specified that no alcohol would be served. After the mayor spoke with Chief Watkins he was informed that the gentleman wanted to rent or lease a building, the club would be composed of nudity and BYOB. The mayor was just informing the council.

The railroad company will make Eudora its headquarters. They will need a temporary site. The mayor had two suggestions. They be temporary located across the tracks on East Armstrong St. The structures that the mayor suggested are one of building that the young man wanted to put the club in. The mayor spoke with the owner of the building and he said no way he would lease or rent his building to that type of establishment. The city attorney will give the city legal guidance on this matter. The mayor received an invitation to speak at the Class of 1969 reunion. It will be held at the Austin-White Cultural Ctr. He also received an invitation to speak with a group of people in Little Rock, AR on October 13, 2012. The Water and Sewer Audits have begun. The Maxwell Co. out of Crossett will perform the audit.

Chief Watkins presented the council with the Police Dept.'s monthly report. We are trying to keep you informed of what's going on. Crime is running high every month. There was a shoot out at 4:00 or 5:00 at the club. ABC said they have to close up @ 12:00 on Saturday night and 1:00 through the week. The clubs are selling food after hours. The liquor selling should stop at 12:00. Chief asked that the city attorney draw up an ordinance stating when clubs should close. Alderman Serio asked if the sheriff dept. could help. Chief stated that Eudora was in it by themselves. The police department is outranked with club opening and selling food after hours. The city is drug infested. Alderman Turner asked about the hours the officers work. Chief informed her they work eight hours and are on call for eight hours. The council approved seven hours monthly for court time. There was a drug raid four months ago. Everyone will be on trial one by one. There was a shooting out in the county, it was brought to Lee St., and they ended up shooting up a car. There were three state police there and the county. After the shooting, they went back to set the ladies car on fire. The high school gymnasium was broken into; two guys were caught breaking into the car wash. Chief also asked that the council consider a curfew for juveniles. 11:00 - weeknights and 12:00 weekends. We

need the juveniles off the street. Chief Watkins also told the council that Bars and Grills will be ticketed for opening after hours. Alderman Thomas made the motion to adopt the Police Department's Report and Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Police Department's Report is adopted.

Mr. Morphis, the Water Superintendent reported there were more aggressive disconnects and past due collected. A total of \$86,464.71 was collected for the month of July.

Alderman Serio made the motion that Mr. Frank Farris fill the vacant seat previously held by Phillip Jones for the remaining term. Alderman Turner closed the nomination and Alderman Serio seconded the motion. Mr. Frank Farris was appointed to the council to fill the vacant seat previously held by Mr. Phillip Jones. Mayor Stanton administered the Oath of Office.

The city clerk read a resolution to fix a date for hearing of petition to vacate street/alley running between Lots 7 and 8, Block 4 and Lots 1 and 2, Block 5 Academy Addition to the town of Eudora, AR. Alderman Turner made the motion to adopt the resolution and Alderman Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried. The resolution is adopted.

Alderman Serio made the motion to file an application with the Bob White for a grant for the fire and police departments. Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Roll call vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays and 1 abstain - Alderman Tisdale abstained.

Mr. Morphis asked the council to restore him to his previous salary. Alderman Turner said he was doing a wonderful job, but no money. Alderman Serio stated that they would consider a salary increase in the 2013 budget.

Mrs. Pauline Davis spoke to the council and citizens about the church bells ringing at Eudora Baptist Church. She has tried on five occasions to work out an agreement with the church. She never asked that the bells be cut off; she just asked if the church could tone the bell back. The bell reaches 86 decibels and chimes twenty-one times a day. She also asked that the city be clear on the noise ordinance.

Alderman Taylor informed the council and citizens that the committee has been working on updating the Personnel Policy Handbook and some items need to be checked into by the attorney. She also asked that department heads review the policy book with employees and get feedback to the council.

The clerk read an ordinance prohibiting the operation of all night clubs, restaurants, BYOB and entertainment clubs between the hours of 1:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. Monday through Friday night and between the hours of 12:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. Saturday night through Sunday night. Alderman Thomas made the motion to suspend the rule and place

the ordinance on the second reading by title only. Alderman Farris seconded the motion. Roll call vote – 8 yeas and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Alderman Farris made the motion to amend the time for private clubs to 2:00 A.M. (Saturdays and Sunday) Monday – Friday and Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Roll call vote – 7 yeas and 1 nay Alderman Serio voted no. Motion carried.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to place the reading on its seconded reading by title only with amended time for private clubs and Alderman Farris seconded the motion. Roll call vote 8 yeas and 0 nays Motion carried.

Alderman Turner made the motion to adopt the ordinance with amended time for private clubs and Alderman Scott seconded the motion. Roll call vote – 8 yeas and 0 nays. The ordinance is adopted with amendments.

During Ward Reports concerns were with stray dogs, street lights out on Main St., broken light pole on Main St, the grounds of the old Sonic needs to be cut and saggy pants. Mayor Stanton asked the city attorney to re-address the saggy pants issue. Alderman Turner informed the council and citizens that three barbers would be at the Skate Zone on Sunday, August 19, 2012 giving free hair cuts. Free school supplies will also be given to the children.

During audience comments concerns were with mosquitoes and falling tree and limbs.

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



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**MINUTES FOR THE EUDORA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALL MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2012**

There were five aldermen present for roll call. Mr. Butler arrived shortly after and Alderman Turner was absent.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider sick leave policy.

In the absent of Attorney Mazzanti the city clerk read a letter of recommendation from the city attorney to the council members. After consulting with the Municipal League the attorney's recommendation was not to pay the retired employee accrued sick leave time.

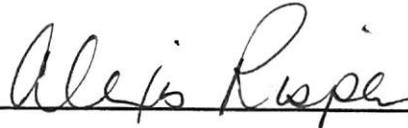
Alderman Serio made the motion to accept the recommendation of the city attorney and rescind previous motion to pay sick leave based upon attorney's recommendation. Alderman Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call vote – 4 yeas and 2 nays. Aldermen Butler and Scott voted no.

Alderman Thomas asked if someone had begun working on the personnel policy changes. Alderman Taylor responded by asking for a meeting next week with the committee.

Alderman Serio made the motion to adjourn and Alderman Thomas seconded the motion. The meeting is adjourned.



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