

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

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

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

<b>MABEL ALLEN</b>	<b>DENNIS BUTLER</b>
<b>FRANK FARRIS</b>	<b>BECKY SERIO</b>
<b>CHARLENE TAYLOR</b>	<b>ROBERT THOMAS, JR.</b>
<b>STEPHEN TISDALE</b>	<b>DANITA TURNER</b>

**MINUTES OF THE EUDORA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 4, 2013**

**The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stanton at 6:00 P.M. There were seven (7) aldermen present at roll call. Alderman Thomas arrived shortly after.**

**The February 4, 2013 minutes are approved as read.**

**Each alderman was given a monthly financial statement on all city acct funds for the month ending January 31, 2013. Alderman Serio asked if in the past had we divided up bill over \$1,000.00 and paid from separate accounts. Alderman Farris questioned a repair bill to Wayne Edwards and Alderman Allen asked for a job description and salary for each city employee.**

**During the Mayor's Address, he informed the council and citizens that on February 3, 2013 he attended a meeting at Lit'l Jacob's Learning Ctr. He did the welcome. This was a Eudora Collaboration Alliance Meeting. Eudora is in the process of applying for a grant with the Rockefeller Foundation. There were eleven (11) communities that were selected to participate. Eudora came in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>. This is a Reading Program for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students.**

**The mayor met with Mr. Henning on February 14, 2013 in Pine Bluff. He is the district superintendent for the state highway department. He talked with him about our road and street projects which needed to be improved within the community. A ½ cent sales tax was passed by the state to improve highways and streets within the community. Eudora will receive \$40,000.00. Over a ten (10) year period it will be \$400,000.00. It will end in ten (10) years. Mr. Henning informed him to submit a list of streets in Eudora which needs improvements. Mr. Morphis gave a list of priority streets. There were four or five streets totaling \$450,000.00. Mr. Henning told the mayor to submit the list to the state aid division and a copy was also submitted to Southeast Economic Development District.**

**Mayor Stanton attended the state meeting at the Elective Coop in Little Rock. Mayor Stanton met with Senator Pryor on February 19, 2013 and spoke with him**

regarding the compromise with the IRS. He and his office will do whatever they can to help the city with this issue. The mayor also met with David Dempsey, SEAEDC he's the overseer of the railroad project. They will begin hiring during this project. One person called the mayor and told him that he had been hired by the railroad. They should be up and operating in June. The cleaning process has begun. They will clean from McGehee to Lake Providence. Cleaning is the first stage and fixing the bridges is the second stage. There were questions asked about the ownership of the gym, if there is insurance on the gym and community room. Yes, the city has \$350,000.00 worth of insurance through the Municipal League on these facilities. The premiums run about \$800-\$900 annually.

A list of grants was included in the packets. These will be given to the Grant Committee. Mayor Stanton is currently working on a forty plus page grant. He is handing it over to the grant committee. This is an innovative grant. It is due the last of March. The grant is between \$50,000.00 - \$250,000.00. Water tanks needs repairs and renovate the gym and use as a community center. The city's final audit was completed on February 27, 2013. There were small items to address. Mayor Stanton will respond in writing to the findings. The response will go to the state audit committee. Then once it is released from the state the council will receive a copy.

Mayor Stanton has written a letter to Get-Rid-of-It requesting to review the fees they are currently charging the city. The fees are \$16.26 based upon 900 resident pick up.

Training for the book keeper will begin shortly. Mr. Terrell will begin transferring things to Eudora.

State Law # 14-58-202 states that the mayor must present the budget to the council by December 1. The council must adopt a budget by February. The council does not have to wait for the mayor. The budget is a guide and it can be amended.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the 2013 budget for the City of Eudora and Alderman Butler seconded the motion. Roll call vote – 5 yeas and 3 nays. Alderman Allen, Farris and Turner voted no.

Mayor Stanton appointed Alderman Charlene Taylor as Pro Tem during his absence. Alderman Thomas seconded the motion and Alderman Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**The city clerk read a letter of resignation from Officer Stevie Thomas of the Eudora Police Department.**

**Ms. Jamie Edwards informed the council and citizens that a Eudora's Biggest Looser Program is going on. She encouraged everyone to attend and bring a friend. The program will be held at the J. Austin White Cultural Ctr. The goal of the city is to loose 1,000 lbs. by May 3, 2013.**

**Alderman Thomas made the motion to establish certain committees and Alderman Farris seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**During Ward Reports concerns were with burned and abandoned houses, dogs and the road washing out on Baker St.**

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

  
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William Stanton, Mayor

  
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Alexis Risper, Clerk/Treasurer

