

**City of Eudora
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**WILLIAM STANTON, MAYOR
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**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MABLE ALLEN
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STEPHEN TISDALE**

**DENNIS BUTLER
BECKY SERIO
ROBERT THOMAS, JR.
DANITA TURNER**

**MINUTES OF THE EUDORA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 6, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stanton. There were seven aldermen present at roll call. Alderman Farris arrived shortly after.

The minutes from the April 1, 2013 meeting were approved.

Each alderman received a financial statement on each city account. Mrs. Allen asked Mr. Terrell if the police dept was in the red. Alderman Tisdale questioned a check in the amount of \$2,722.75. Mr. Terrell stated it was an old bill, but he would check to see if it's the communication line to the revenue office. A \$2,608.00 payment was also questioned. It was the telephone bill and internet line which had access to the fire and police depts. Alderman Serio asked for a copy of bills. Alderman Farris asked if the mosquito fund was in the red. Mr. Terrell stated that sanitation was down due to the number of houses being picked up. Alderman Allen stated the city nor Get-Rid-of-It picks up leaves. What are we to do with them? Alderman Farris questioned a repair bill to James Ceranti. Alderman Serio made the motion to reject the repair bill on the police cars. Alderman Farris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Serio made the motion that the mechanic stops using regular oil in the police cars and use synthetic oil. Alderman Farris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Tisdale made the motion that the city check in to accepting bids to sell the two (2) police cars. Alderman Farris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

During the mayor's report, he informed the council and citizens that the Hwy. dept will pave Main and Armstrong. The mayor attended a meeting in Star City, AR on House Bill 364 – General Improvement Act. This is where the legislature sets aside monies for project. The mayor was asking for council permission to apply when funds were available for general improvements. No response or motion from council. On May 14, 2013 additional people will be hired by the railroad company.

The deadline to apply is May 10, 2013. You can apply at the Workforce Center in Lake Village, AR located on Main St.

Clean up month will be the entire month of May. A dumpster will be located on Armstrong St. All aldermen should make assignments in your ward.

Attorney Mazzanti updated the council and citizens on the class action lawsuit on the district court clerk. The complaint has been dismissed without prejudice.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the city to pay \$950.00 as part of a settlement of Gaston vs. Eudora. Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Taylor made the motion to pay attorney fees in the amount of \$2,200.00 for Mayor Stanton in his legal defense against the IRS. Under the conditions that Mayor Stanton will repay city for fees. Alderman Butler seconded the motion. Aldermen Farris, Turner and Serio voted nay.

Alderman Farris made a motion the city send a letter to the county requesting the county to pay half of the court clerk and judges insurance premiums. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Watkins addressed the council to please hire another police officer. Summer is arriving and school will soon be out. The law states that you cannot leave the city unprotected. Officer Nowden was off sick and Officer Thomas had to work.

Alderman Farris made the motion to advertise and hire a book keeper. Alderman Serio seconded the motion.

Alderman Serio made the motion to hire a full time certified police at \$8.50 per hour and Alderman Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

During Mr. Morphis's report he informed the council and citizens that an amendment to ordinance on mobile homes must be brought before the council for signatures. They must set facing the road. He has two (2) applications that meet the criteria. One mobile home is located on Scott St. and the other one located on the corner of Prospect and Stewart St. They meet all the set back requirements. Owner has twenty days to set under pining and tie down home. Alderman Serio made the motion to accept the mobile home permits and Alderman Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.


Pam Donaldson was appointed to the Chicot County Equalization Board.

Alderman Serio spoke on behalf of Mr. David Jones, who was on the agenda to speak. He lives in her ward. Mr. Jones was asking to cut the alderman positions down to one alderman per ward in order to save the city money.


During ward reports concerns were with houses and overgrown lots; get out letters to home owners with hap-hazard houses, water hydrant knocked down on Front St., set up neighbor hood watch and David Jones will sit in on the police committee. Talk with Chief Watkins about strategically placing cameras throughout the city.

Mayor Stanton announced that Alderman Charlene Taylor will chair the June 3, 2013 meeting in his absence.

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



William Stanton, Mayor



Alexis Risper, Clerk