

**City of Eudora**  
**239 SOUTH MAIN STREET**  
**EUDORA, CHICOT COUNTY, ARKANSAS**  
**71640**

**WILLIAM STANTON, MAYOR**  
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**CHARLENE TAYLOR**  
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**LOUIS SCOTT**  
**ROBERT THOMAS, JR.**  
**DANITA TURNER**

**MINUTES OF THE EUDORA CITY COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL CALL MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 7, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Stanton. All aldermen were present for the meeting.

Mayor Stanton told the council and citizens there are two items on the agenda (1) budget committee recommendations and (2) water filter project.

The case of Gaston vs. Eudora has been dropped against the city. It has been dropped against Chief Watkins; he is no longer a defendant. Officer Nowden is no longer a plaintiff or defendant. There are two other officers who are no longer employed with the city of Eudora they are filing a personal lawsuit against.

The mayor received a custodial service agreement from the bank. If the accounts exceed over \$250,000.00 the city would have to enter into a custodial service agreement. The holder of this agreement is First National Bank of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Mr. Terrell presented the council with Annual Budget for Operating Revenues and Expenditures for Selected Funds for the Fiscal Year 2012. The budget was explained by Mr. Terrell. Mr. Terrell told the council that the IRS was waiting for an adopted budget for the 2012 year to determine the ability or inability to pay. If the city was not able to pay property might be seized. He also told them that the IRS normally honors restrictions placed on restricted funds. He also spoke with David Fetus and he stated that the city would probably remain in arrears until the IRS cleared the city. There were six payments made on the bonds in 2011.

The chief suggested reduce jail fees from \$45,000.00 to \$25,000.00 and to reduce staff (dispatchers) by two people, with the assumption that 911 will be gone by the end of February. Judge Ball's letter asked to give the county time to move the 911 system. Mrs. Serio asked if the city would have to pay a fee for 911. Mr. Tisdale replied no.

Alderman Tisdale made the motion to go into executive session and Alderman Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried.

After returning from executive session, there were several recommendations

- (1) The secretary at the police dept. would be placed at city hall for (3) days a week and remain at the police station for two days. Her salary would be split.
- (2) Remove two part-time police officers effective immediately ending on the pay period February 19, 2012
- (3) Cut jail fees to \$20,000.00 a year, set up a payment plan with Dermott jail by asking for a one year out payment and ask for a reduction from \$1,500.00 a month to \$500.00 a month.

(4) work release program for non-violent offenders to reduce jail expenses.

Mr. Tisdale stated he spoke with Reynolds Meyers about ankle bracelets. The person has to pay the fee if there is on. The monies are included in the budget for personnel.

Mr. Terrell told the council that decreasing personnel at the police dept would save \$26,000.00 and saves city hall \$11,000.00. This would save the general funds \$37,000.00.

Alderman Serio made the motion to eliminate two (2) part-time officers on February 19, 2012. Alderman Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Tisdale made the motion that the police dept. secretary be re-assigned to city hall three days a week and remains at the police dept for two days a week. Alderman Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Tisdale made the motion to pay Peck Construction by installments for one (1) year for the replacement filter. Alderman Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A resolution for the adoption of the Municipal League Budget for the City of Eudora, beginning January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012 was read by the clerk to the council. Alderman Thomas made the motion to adopt the resolution for the adoption of the Municipal League Budget for the city of Eudora beginning January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012. Alderman Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried. The resolution is adopted.

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

  
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William Stanton, Mayor

  
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Alexis Risper, Clerk