

THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND ALDERWOMAN, THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF EUNICE, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY/ACADIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at six-thirty (6:30) o'clock p.m., at their regular meeting place, the Eunice City Hall.

6:30 pm The Mayor called the Regular meeting of the City of Eunice Board of Aldermen and Alderwomen to order:

There were present: Mayor Scott A. Fontenot, Alderman at Large Marion "Nootsie" Sattler, Alderwoman Germaine Simpson, Alderman Ernest Blanchard and Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux.

There were absent: Alderman Chad Andrepont

It was announced that a quorum was present and ready to transact business.

There were no public comment requests.

It was moved by Alderman at Large Marion "Nootsie" Sattler, seconded by Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux and carried to adopt the Minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting.

Code Enforcement Officer Bill Thompson was not in attendance so the Mayor initiated the Show Cause Hearings set for this meeting with the City Attorney:

Show Cause Hearing on 310 North Beulah Street:

The owner of the property, Mr. Price, addressed the Board. Mr. Price advised that he was in the process of demolishing the house.

It was moved by Alderman Blanchard, seconded by Alderman at Large Sattler and carried to issue an Order of Condemnation on this property at 310 North Beulah Street but not enforce the Order of Condemnation immediately, giving owner a reasonable amount of time to complete the demolition.

Show Cause Hearing on 100 Fruge Street:

The owner of the property, Mr. Ben Price, addressed the Board. Mr. Price advised that he was in the process of renovating the house.

It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux and carried to give the homeowner thirty (30) days to make improvements to the house. The homeowner verbally waived any written notice to attend the next Council Meeting and advised that he would return at that time.

Show Cause Hearing on 151 South St. George Street:

The Mayor asked if there was anyone in the audience associated with the property at 151 South St. George Street. There was no one in attendance.

It was moved by Alderwoman Germaine Simpson, seconded by Alderman Ernest Blanchard to condemn the property at 151 South St. George Street.

Update on 521 Fred Street:

City Attorney Vernon McManus spoke about his meeting with the Parish President concerning property inside the Eunice city limits that are adjudicated to the Parish. Mr. McManus stated the the Parish President agreed with Mr. McManus that it was the responsibility of the Parish to maintain the properties and that he would bring this issue before the Parish Council and get back with him. Mr. McManus advised he has not heard from him yet.

It was moved by Alderwoman Simpson, seconded by Alderwoman Thibodeaux and carried to schedule a Show Cause Hearing on the property of 521 Fred Street

Alderwoman Simpson spoke about the problem of dilapidated houses and overgrown yards in Eunice.

The Mayor announced the upcoming Mardi Gras activities in Eunice, LA, beginning Wednesday, February 19, 2020 with the Community Health Unit's annual Taster's Choice event at LSUE and music and events downtown through Mardi Gras Day, February 25th.

It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderwoman Simpson and carried to adopt Resolution 0220(A), accepting the 2019 MWPP (Municipal Water Pollution Prevention) audit.

It was moved by Alderman Blanchard, seconded by Alderman at Large Sattler and carried to approve the Applications for Alcohol Permits from Ashley Fuselier and Christopher Fuselier, dba Cajun Station, Inc.

Mr. David Hidalgo with Aucoin and Associates addressed the Board on the Apron Rehabilitation project at the Eunice Airport. Mr. Hidalgo, engineer for the project, reported that the project was substantially complete with no issues.

It was moved by Alderwoman Thibodeaux, seconded by Alderwoman Simpson and carried to accept the Airport's Apron Rehabilitation project as substantially complete.

The Mayor spoke on the US Post Office building and advised that he had spoken with administration of the US Postal Service and been advised that work on the building should be completed by March, 2020.

Police Chief Randy Fontenot recommended hiring of George Cain as a Police Officer.

It was moved by Alderman Sattler, seconded by Alderman Blanchard and carried to concur with the Police Chief's recommendation and hire George Cain in the position of Eunice Police Officer.

Police Chief Randy Fontenot recommended hiring Chris Ortego as a Police Officer.

It was moved by Alderman Blanchard, seconded by Alderwoman Simpson and carried to concur with the Police Chief's recommendation and hire Chris Ortego in the position of Eunice Police Officer.

Police Chief Randy Fontenot read a report of the Police Department's activities for the month of January, 2020 and for the year 2019.

Fire Chief Mike Arnold read a report of the Fire Department's activities for the month of January, 2020.

It was moved by Alderwoman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Blanchard and carried to approve payment of the bills for January, 2020 and acknowledged that they have received the financial reports for the City.

It was moved by Alderman Blanchard, seconded by Alderman at Large Marion "Nootsie" Sattler and carried to adjourn.

Ginny Moody, City Clerk

Scott A. Fontenot, Mayor