

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, March 10, 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, Alderman Chad Andrepont, Alderwoman Germaine Simpson, Alderman Ernest Blanchard and Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux.

There were absent: None

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 Alderman Ernest Blanchard and carried to adopt the Minutes of the February 11, 2020 meeting.

Code Enforcement Officer Bill Thompson presented the following structures to the Board:

Update on 100 Fruge Street:

The owner of the property was not present. At the February 11, 2020 Show Cause Hearing on this property the owner was given 30 days to make improvements on the house. At that time the owner advised the Board and the City Attorney that he would attend the March meeting and waived any written notification. Mr. Thompson presented photo's of the house in its current condition.

It was moved by Alderman Blanchard, seconded by Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux and carried to give the property owner an additional thirty (30) days to make improvements to the property.

Request a Show Cause Hearing on be set for 451 North Beulah Street:

It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderman Chad Andrepont and carried to set a Show Cause Hearing to be held for this property.

Request a Show Cause Hearing on 541 North 4th Street:

It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderman Blanchard and carried to set a Show Cause Hearing to be held for this property.

Show Cause Hearing on 521 Fred Street:

It was moved by Alderman Andrepont, seconded by Alderwoman Germaine Simpson and carried to Issue an Order of Condemnation on the structure at 521 Fred Street, adjudicated to St. Landry Parish.

The Mayor proclaimed April 13 through April 18, 2020 to be National Community Development Week.

The Mayor proclaimed April to be Fair Housing month.

The Mayor announced that the 35th Annual World Championship Crawfish Etouffee cook-off, hosted by the Eunice Chamber of Commerce, would be held on March 29, 2020 at the Northwest Center Pavilion on Samuel Drive.

There was no old business.

It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderman Blanchard and carried to approve the Application for Alcohol Permit of Emily E. Andrus, dba Bon Temps Pizza Co., at 121 West Laurel Avenue.

It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderwoman Thibodeaux and carried to adopt Resolution 0320(A), establishing April 13 through April 18, 2020 as National Community Development week.

It was moved by Alderman Andrepont, seconded by Alderman at Large Sattler and carried to adopt the revised Sexual Harassment Policy for the City of Eunice Employee Handbook, as presented by the City Clerk.

Alderwoman Thibodeaux declined to comment on drainage.

It was moved by Alderwoman Thibodeaux, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to concur with the Police Chief's recommendation and hire Ms. Kelly Dupre as a Police Officer.

It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to concur with the Police Chief's recommendation and approve the appointment of Roosevelt Guillory as a Reserve Officer with the Eunice Police Department.

Police Chief Randy Fontenot submitted a request to create three (3) new civil service positions within Eunice's classified service; Information & Technology Officer, Jail Supervisor and Records Supervisor, along with pay information for each position.

It was moved by Alderwoman Thibodeaux, seconded by Alderman at Large Sattler and carried to take the Police Chief's request under advisement.

Police Chief Randy Fontenot informed the Board that his department has exceeded his annual budget for vehicle maintenance and overtime salary. Chief Fontenot recommended that the Board amend his budget to be in compliance with State law.

The Mayor advised that any amendments needed to the City's budget will be proposed in May, before the end of the fiscal year, in order to balance the budgets for all city departments.

Alderman Blanchard spoke about the Police Department's pay and benefits.

Police Chief Randy Fontenot read a report of the Police Department's activities for the month of February, 2020.

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

It was moved by Alderman Andrepont, 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 Alderwoman Thibodeaux, seconded by Alderman Chad Andrepont and carried to adjourn.

Ginny Moody, City Clerk

Scott A. Fontenot, Mayor