

**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, December 8, 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 November 10, 2020 regular meeting.

Mr. Judson Venezia, Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Eunice, presented the following properties to begin condemnation procedures:

**331 Pierotti Street – "Show Cause" Hearing**

No one was present to represent property at 331 Pierotti Street. City Attorney Mr. Vernon McManus advised the Board that all notifications had been made.

It was moved by Alderwoman Germaine Simpson, seconded by Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux and carried to condemn the structure at 331 Pierotti Street.

**600 East Peach Avenue – "Show Cause" Hearing**

No one was present to represent property at 600 East Peach Avenue. City Attorney Vernon McManus advised the Board that all notifications had been made.

It was moved by Alderwoman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Chad Andrepont and carried to condemn the structure at 600 East Peach Avenue.

**610 East Peach Avenue – "Show Cause" Hearing**

No one was present to represent property at 610 East Peach Avenue. City Attorney Vernon McManus advised the Board that all notifications had been made.

It was moved by Alderwoman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to condemn the structure at 610 East Peach Avenue.

**330 East Ash Avenue – "Show Cause" Hearing**

No one was present to represent property at 330 East Ash Avenue. City Attorney Vernon McManus advised the Board that all notifications had been made.

It was moved by Alderwoman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Blanchard and carried to condemn the structure at 330 East Ash Avenue.

The Mayor announced that the Eunice Food Bank's Annual Food Drive would be held on Thursday, December 10, 2020 from 6 AM to 7 PM. Donations can be dropped off at the Eunice Food Bank, located inside the DMV building at 2101 West Ash Avenue in Eunice.

The City Clerk announced that the City of Eunice Property Tax Department had received the 2020 Property Tax Notices and were in the process of preparing the Notices to be mailed. Since the Notices will be received late this year, the due date for 2020 City of Eunice Property Tax payments has been designated January 31, 2021.

Alderman at Large Sattler introduced Deputy Chief and Public Information Officer Eddie Thibodeaux with the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Department Crime Stoppers organization. The St. Landry Crime Stoppers program recently won multiple awards from the Crime Stoppers USA board, including Best Television Crime of the Week, Best Print Media and Best Community Service Program (Tri-Ad) for population 100,000 and below. The Mayor, Alderman at Large Sattler and the Eunice Board of Aldermen and Alderwomen commended St. Landry Parish Sheriff Guidroz, Deputy Chief Thibodeaux and everyone associated with the St. Landry Crime Stoppers organization for their achievements.

The Mayor addressed the issue of trash that is too large or too much bulk for provided trash cans and were being put curbside by property owners or tenants. The Mayor advised that Waste Connections was currently under contract to provide weekly garbage pickup for residential and commercial but also large bulk pick-up once a week, however, property owner must call Waste Connections and give them the address so large bulk pickup can be scheduled. Mr. Richard LeBouef, Executive Director of the St. Landry Solid Waste Disposal District, addressed the Mayor and Board and advised that the Disposal District would assist in picking up bulk waste stored at the Eunice City Barn.

The Mayor advised that the next agenda item, LSUE nomination/appointment to Eunice Fire and Police Civil Service Board, was not in place and the item would not be addressed at this meeting.

Lt. Tony Kennedy, on behalf of Police Chief Randy Fontenot, presented Mr. Marcus Orr to be hired as a Jailer in the Eunice Police Department.

It was moved by Alderman Blanchard, seconded by Alderman at Large Sattler and carried to concur with the recommendation of the Chief of Police and hire Mr. Marcus Orr as a Police Jailer.

Lt. Tony Kennedy, on behalf of Police Chief Randy Fontenot, presented Lindsey Burton for hire as a Police Officer. Burton has been employed as a Jailer within the Eunice Police Department.

It was moved by Alderman Blanchard, seconded by Alderwoman Thibodeaux and carried to concur with the recommendation of the Chief of Police and hire Ms. Burton as a Police Officer.

Fire Chief Mike Arnold requested that the Board hire Ryan Daville as a Fire Fighter. Mr. Daville has an Associate Fire Science degree from LSUE and was previously employed by the Fire Department.

It was moved by Alderwoman Simpson and seconded by Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux to go into Executive Session so as to question Mr. Daville's involvement in an incident which occurred during his employment with the Fire Department between 2012 and 2015. . A vote was taken to go into Executive Session with the following results:

Yea: Germaine Simpson and Connie Thibodeaux

Nays: Andrepont, Sattler and Blanchard

The Motion did not pass.

Alderwoman Simpson questioned Mr. Daville about the incident he was involved in when off duty during his first employment with the Eunice Fire Department.

It was moved by Alderman Blanchard, seconded by Alderman at Large Sattler and carried to concur with the recommendation of the Fire Chief and hire Mr. Ryan Daville as a Fire Fighter.

Alderwoman Thibodeaux asked Fire Chief Mike Arnold about the Fire Department's protocols in regards to COVID-19. Fire Chief Arnold advised that the Eunice Fire Department follows guidelines set forth by the CDC, Center for Disease Control, in order to protect employees as well as any members of the public they may come into contact with.

The Mayor announced that there were a few employees of offices on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of City Hall who tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. The employees are well and the offices as well as the City Hall has been sanitized.

It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderwoman Thibodeaux and carried to allow new subject matter on the Agenda.

It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to adopt a Resolution recommending Mr. Marshall Thibodeaux be considered for a position to the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District Board.

It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to approve payment of the City's bills for November, 2020 and acknowledge that the Board has received the financial reports for the City.

The Mayor announced that this Friday the Eunice High School Bobcats football team would be playing in the quarterfinal round of the State playoffs. Alderman "Coach" Chad Andrepont stated that tickets could be purchased at the school and encouraged people to support the team.

The Mayor and Board wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

It was moved by Alderman Andrepont, seconded by Alderman at Large Sattler and carried to adjourn.

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Ginny Moody, City Clerk

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Scott A. Fontenot, Mayor