

**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, November 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 Chad Andrepont, Alderwoman Germaine Simpson, Alderman Ernest Blanchard and Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux.

There were absent:    Alderman at Large Marion "Nootsie" Sattler.

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

There were no public comment requests.

It was moved by Alderman Chad Andrepont, seconded by Alderman Ernest Blanchard and carried to adopt the Minutes of the October 13, 2020 meeting.

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

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

It was moved by Alderman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to schedule a Show Cause Hearing on this property and that the owner of record be notified to attend the Hearing.

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

It was moved by Alderman Blanchard, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to schedule a Show Cause Hearing on this property and that the owner of record be notified to attend the Hearing.

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

It was moved by Alderman Blanchard, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to schedule a Show Cause Hearing on this property and that the owner of record be notified to attend the Hearing.

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

It was moved by Alderman Blanchard, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to schedule a Show Cause Hearing on this property and that the owner of record be notified to attend the Hearing.

**SHOW CAUSE HEARING:**

**241 Childs Street** – owner of the property (Shawn West) was not in attendance for Hearing. Mayor asked Mr. McManus if owner had been served Notice to attend tonight's Hearing. Mr. McManus advised that the City Marshal's Office had attempted to serve Notice to the owner but the owner could not be located.

It was moved by Alderwoman Germaine Simpson, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to issue an Order of Condemnation on the structure located at 241 Childs Street.

Mayor Fontenot gave an update on the progress of removing vegetative debris from Hurricanes Laura and Delta. Mayor Fontenot advised that organic or vegetative material, such as branches and tree limbs, must be separate from non-vegetative garbage in order to be picked up.

Mayor Fontenot stated that he had been contacted by representative of the Eunice Kiwanis Club who advised that the organization had decided to not sponsor the annual Eunice Christmas Parade this year (2020). However, KEUN Radio Station (Mr. Rick Nesbitt and Dane Wilson) had advised that their radio station would sponsor this year's Christmas Parade. The Parade will be held on Thursday,

December 3, 2020 at 5 PM and will follow the same route as previous Christmas parades, beginning at North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and West Peach Avenue and proceeding South on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to the Eunice City Hall.

Police Chief Randy Fontenot presented a traffic study on the intersection of North 10<sup>th</sup> Street and West Vine Avenue, as requested by Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux. After researching past traffic accidents and conducting a speed survey, Police Chief Fontenot stated that additional traffic controls did not appear to be necessary at this time and advised that the Police Department will continue to monitor the intersection for speed control.

Alderwoman Thibodeaux accepted the Chief's traffic study and recommendation and advised that she would not pursue additional traffic controls at this time and asked the Chief to have his officers continue to monitor the intersection as there are children who live in the vicinity.

It was moved by Alderman Andrepont, seconded by Alderman Blanchard and carried to approve 2021 Liquor License renewal applications.

Police Chief Randy Fontenot recommended hiring Mr. Jeffery Myers for the position of Police Officer.

It was moved by Alderman Blanchard, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to concur with the Chief's recommendation and hire Mr. Jeffery Myers for the position of Police Officer.

The Mayor advised that the next item on the agenda "Executive session – Personnel matter" was tabled.

It was moved by Alderman Andrepont, seconded by Alderwoman Simpson and carried to allow new subject matter not on the Agenda.

Alderman Chad Andrepont read a Proclamation that the City, together with the Association for the Liberty Theatre – Eunice, named the entrance of the Liberty Theater the "Curtis Joubert Entrance."

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

Fire Chief Mike Arnold read the monthly report of Fire Department activities for the month of October, 2020.

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

The Mayor reminded the public about Noel on the Prairie this weekend, November 14 and 15, 2020, and encouraged everyone to shop the local businesses.

Alderman Blanchard advised that the VFW would be hosting a ceremony in honor of Veterans Day on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at 11:00 am at the VFW Post on Highway 190 East.

Alderwoman Thibodeaux commented that in addition to hosting the Veteran Day ceremony, the VFW Post also has a drop box for old and tattered Flags and that the members of the VFW will dispose of the flags in accordance with the U.S. Flag Code. Alderwoman Thibodeaux also announced that the Depot Museum and the Cajun French Music Hall of Fame and Museum are back open Wednesday through Saturday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

It was moved by Alderman Blanchard, seconded by Alderwoman Simpson and carried to adjourn.

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Ginny Moody, City Clerk

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Scott A. Fontenot, Mayor