**EUNICE, LOUISIANA**

**NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

**THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND ALDERWOMEN, THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF EUNICE, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY/ACADIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA**, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, NOVEMBER 12, 2024 at six-thirty (6:30) o’clock p.m., at their regular meeting place, the Eunice City Hall.

6:15 PM PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance 1124(A), authorizing the issuance of Sewer Revenue Bond not to exceed twelve million dollars (12,000,000.00).

Margaret Frey of Eunice spoke in favor of the proposed Ordinance.

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 and Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux.

 There were absent: Alderman Randall Reed

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

 There were no Requests for Public Comment.

 It was moved by Alderman at Large Marion “Nootsie” Sattler, seconded by Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux and carried to adopt the Minutes of the October 8, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

 Code Enforcement Officer Judson Venezia requested that the owner of the structure located at 640 Faris Street (Maxine Guillory etals/City of Eunice) be issued a Notice of a Show Cause Hearing. Mr. Venezia did not have photos to present to the Board but advised that a tree had fallen on the house.

 It was moved by Alderwoman Germaine Simpson, seconded by Alderman at Large Marion “Nootsie” Sattler and carried to concur with Mr. Venezia’s request and schedule a “Show Cause Hearing” for the structure at 640 Faris Street and have the owner properly notified of the Hearing.

**MAYOR’S RECOMMENDATION AND/OR BUSINESS:**

 Major Mark LeBlanc of the St. Landry Parish Sheriff’s Office Crime Stoppers Department addressed the Board on State Statutes addressed litter and dumping of trash. Major LeBlanc advised that Crime Stoppers will begin advertising rewards for reports of dumping of trash in St. Landry Parish.

 The Mayor spoke about the problem of having roadside bulky trash picked up in a timely manner. The Mayor called up Mr. Richard LeBouef, Executive Director of the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal Commission.

 Mr. LeBouef addressed the Board on plans for the picking up of bulky curbside trash inside the City Limits of Eunice. Currently the issue is the travel time from Eunice to the landfill in Beggs, LA however, if DEQ allows, there will be a “holding site” for bulky trash in Eunice, ensuring that the trash is picked up and brought to one location and then transported to the landfill, allowing more of the trash to be picked up in Eunice in a day and transported on another day.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

 It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux and carried to adopt Ordinance 1124(A), authorizing the issuance of Sewer Revenue Bond not to exceed twelve million dollars. **NEW BUSINESS:**

 It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderman Chad Andrepont and carried to introduce for consideration Ordinance 1224(A), restructuring the monthly rates for water closets (toilets) fees for the City of Eunice Waste Water System.

 It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to abandon the proposed extension of Fannie Street (at it’s intersection with Oak Avenue and Fannie Street, south of West Oak Avenue. The vote was as follows:
YEAS: Alderman at Large Marion “Nootsie” Sattler, Alderman Chad Andrepont and Alderwoman Germaine Simson.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alderman Randall Reed
ABSTAIN: Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux

 City Attorney Stan Feucht spoke about an Easement Agreement with Robert Sattler for the extension of the City of Eunice sewer line off of South Bobcat Drive.

 It was moved by Alderwoman Thibodeaux, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to authorize the Mayor to enter into an Easement Agreement for an extension of a sewer line off of South Bobcat Drive across Robert Sattler’s property.

 The Mayor spoke about concerns of local restaurants and mobile food vendors on current restrictions.

 It was moved by Alderman Andrepont, seconded by Alderman at Large Sattler and carried to form a steering committee of local business representatives and members of the Council to look at our current City Ordinances concerning food sales and recommend any revisions they may deem to be necessary.

 Alderwoman Germaine Simpson read Ordinance 5:325, regulating fences within Eunice’s Historic District and Ordinance 18:224 which regulates fencing in areas of the City outside of the Historic District. Alderwoman Simpson advised that there were areas of town having issues with non-fencing material being used to make fences and that she would look at fencing Ordinances of neighboring cities.

 It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to declare the Police Department’s 2016 Chevrolet Caprice, ID # 6077, as surplus.

 It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to declare the Police Department’s 2016 Chevrolet Caprice, ID # 5152, as surplus.

 It was moved by Alderman Andrepont, seconded by Alderman at Large Sattler and carried to concur with the recommendation of Police Chief Kyle LeBouef and his disciplinary action of a Written Reprimand of Police Communications Officer Alexis Boulet.

 It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderwoman Thibodeaux and carried to concur with the recommendation of Police Chief Kyle LeBouef and hire Dylan Spears as a Police Officer Recruit.

 It was moved by Alderwoman Thibodeaux, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to concur with the recommendation of Police Chief Kyle LeBouef and accept the resignation of Police Officer Jack Ardoin, effective 11/08/24.

**MONTHLY REPOTS**

 Police Chief Kyle LeBouef gave a report of the Eunice Police Department’s activities for the month of October, 2024.

 Mayor Fontenot read the Eunice Fire Department’s report of the Department’s activities for the month of October, 2024.

 Ms. Jenna Donaldson, employee of the Eunice Public Library, read the report of the Library’s activities for the month of October, 2024.

 It was moved by Alderman Andrepont, seconded by Alderwoman Simpson and carried to approve payment of the City’s bills for the month of October, 2024 and acknowledged that the Board has received the City’s financial reports.

 It was moved by Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux, seconded by Alderwoman Germaine Simpson and carried to adjourn.

Ginny Moody, City Clerk Scott A. Fontenot, Mayor