**EUNICE, LOUISIANA**

**MAY 14, 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, MAY 14, 2024 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 Randall Reed and Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux

 There were absent: None

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

 There were no requests for Public Comments.

 It was moved by Alderman at Large Marion “Nootsie” Sattler, seconded by Alderman Chad Andrepont and carried to adopt the Minutes of the April 9, 2024 Regular Council meeting.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

 Code Enforcement Officer Judson Venezia was not present. The Mayor stated that had requested that the following properties be schedule for “Show Cause” hearings:

320 Mill Street – owner Brown Enterprises
170 East Ardoin Street – owner Wayne Sittig
150 South Vivian Street – owner Peter G. Miller

 It was moved by Alderman Randall Reed, seconded by Alderman at Large Sattler and carried to have the above property owners notified of Show Cause Hearing on the violations of their properties.

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

 Mayor announced the “Belly Buddies Fun Run” would be held this Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 10 am and asked Alderman Chad Andrepont, board member of the Belly Buddies organization, to offer more information.

 Alderman Chad Andrepont stated that the purpose of the Belly Buddies organization is to provide “Belly Bags” full of nutritious foods to needy students in Eunice grade schools on Friday afternoons, providing students in need with nutritious food on the weekends. The Fun Run fundraiser will be on Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 10 am to 12 noon and will begin at the Eunice City Hall. The twenty-five dollar ($25.00) registration fee will provide one child a month of “Belly Bags.”

 The Mayor announced that the week of April 20 through 28, 2024 is “Love the Boot” week in Louisiana and the Keep Eunice Beautiful committee is hosting a clean-up day in Eunice on Saturday, April 20, 2024. Those wishing to participate should be at the Eunice City Hall by 8:30 am to pick up their supplies.

 Jena Donaldson, children’s programming director with the Eunice Public Library, addressed the Board on planned activities the Library has scheduled for this Spring and Summer and that donations to support these free activities were being accepted.

**OLD BUSINESS:** **NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

 It was moved by Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux, seconded by Alderwoman Germaine Simpson and carried to adopt Resolution 0424, supporting the City of Eunice’s LCDBG Sewer System Rehab Grant application.

 The Mayor read a letter of resignation from the Eunice Housing Authority Board from Mr. Darrel Dies. Mr. Dies has been a long-time member of the Board of the Eunice Housing Authority and resigned for reasons of health.

 The Mayor recommended appointing Mr. Ronald Dies to the Eunice Housing Authority Board to fill the position vacated by his brother’s resignation.

 It was moved by Alderman Randall Reed, seconded by Alderman at Large Marion “Nootsie” Sattler and carried to concur with the Mayor’s recommendation and appoint Mr. Ronald Dies to the Eunice Housing Authority Board.

 It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler and seconded by Alderman Reed to concur with the Chief of Police’s recommendation and grant a liquor license to Mr. Michael Lachney dba The Dugout at 205 South 2nd Street, Eunice.

A vote was taken with the following results:
Yea: Alderman at Large Sattler, Alderman Andrepont, Alderwoman Simpson and Alderman Reed.

Nay: Alderwoman Thibodeaux.
Absent: None

 It was moved by Alderman Andrepont, seconded by Alderman at Large Sattler and carried to declare as surplus office furniture and equipment:
Four (4) desks
Eight (8) chairs
Three (3) printers
One (1) typewriter

 It was moved by Alderman Reed, seconded by Alderwoman Thibodeaux and carried to declare the building and contents of the “old” dog pound located at the Wastewater Plant to be surplus and have no value as it will have to be demolished for the new Sewer Plant and expansion.

 Alderwoman Thibodeaux requested a Traffic Study from the Police Department on Reed Avenue, between the intersecting streets of North 4th Street and North 7th Street.

 Police Chief Kyle LeBouef recommended hiring Mr. Chase Godeaux for the position of Probational Police Officer.

 It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderwoman Thibodeaux and carried to concur with the recommendation of the Chief of Police and hire Chase Godeaux for the position of Probational Police Officer.

 Chief LeBouef announced that Probational Police Officer Lyndon Kyle Marsh had submitted a letter of resignation for personal reasons. The Mayor asked about training expenses and Chief advised there were none as Officer Marsh was hired POST Certified.

 It was moved by Alderwoman Thibodeaux, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to concur with the Chief of Police and accept the resignation of Officer Marsh.

 Police Chief LeBouef recommended the promotion of Provisional Police Lieutenant David Aaron Carter to Probational Police Lieutenant.

 It was moved by Alderman Andrepont, seconded by Alderman at Large Sattler and carried to concur with the Chief of Police’s recommendation and promote Provisional Police Lieutenant David Aaron Cart to the position of Probational Police Lieutenant.

 Chief LeBouef recommended the promotion of Police Officer Keith Peters to the position of Probational Police Sergeant.

 It was moved by Alderman Andrepont, seconded by Alderman Reed and carried to concur with the recommendation of the Police Chief and promote Police Officer Keith Peters to the position of Probational Police Sergeant.

**MONTHLY REPOTS**

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

 Fire Chief Chaise Brown gave a report of the Eunice Fire Department’s activities for the month of March, 2024 and discussed some of the training completed.

 It was moved by Alderman Randall Reed, seconded by Alderman at Large Marion “Nootsie” Sattler and carried to approve payment of the City’s bills for the month of March, 2024 and acknowledged that the Board has received the City’s financial reports.

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

Ginny Moody, City Clerk Scott A. Fontenot, Mayor