**EUNICE, LOUISIANA**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 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, SEPTEMBER 10, 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.

Five (5) Request for Public Comments were presented.

The Mayor reminded everyone that public comments should be limited to three (3) minutes and comments should be cordial and respectful.

Angela Simien of Eunice made her public comments on Agenda Item # I, 4-a.

Ms. Simien, a tenant of the Eunice Housing Authority, spoke of the lack of assistance she has received from the Eunice Housing Authority Board. Ms. Simien stated that in her opinion the Board Members, with the exception of Kevin Johnwell, Sr., support the Housing Authorities’ Executive Director and not the tenants when it comes to increase in rent and evictions.

Kevin Johnwell, Sr. of Eunice made his public comments on Agenda Item #I, 4-a.

Mr. Johnwell, a board member of the Eunice Housing Authority, spoke about his time on the board trying to learn the policies of the Authority and what the board members could and could not do. His questions were not answered and he was made to feel uncomfortable if he asked any questions. The Board was asked to change policies but were never given the original policies they were being asked to change.

Roland Miller of Eunice made his public comments on Agenda Item #I, 4-a.

Mr. Miller advised that he has been on the Housing Authority Board for one (1) month. He wasn’t aware of issues before he was appointed and since his appointment had intervene in two (2) issues for tenants and both were resolved in favor of the tenant. He’d been told that a council member was recruiting people to replace housing authority board members and he didn’t understand the motives.

Ronald Dies of Eunice made his public comments on Agenda Item #I, 4-a.

Mr. Dies stated that he has been a member of the Housing Authority Board for three (3) months. He advised that the complaints about the Board seemed to indicate that the council wants the board to interfere with the day-to-day management of the Authority and the Board cannot do that. In his experience the Board agrees with the Director only about 50% of the time. Mr. Dies advised that people lie and that is why he will only deal with factual information rather than hearsay.

David Guillory made his public comments on Agenda Item #I, 4-a.

Mr. Guillory advised that he has been on the Board for two (2) years but has only been chairman of the Board for three (3) months. Mr. Guillory read from a handbook. Mr. Guillory spoke about the Sunshine Laws and read from the handbook’s section on Special Meetings.

It was moved by Alderman at Large Marion “Nootsie” Sattler, seconded by Alderman Randall Reed and carried to adopt the Minutes of the August 13, 2024 regular council meeting.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

Code Enforcement Officer Judson Venezia presented photos of 168 East Ardoin Street which has been demolished by its owner, Wayne Sittig.

Two properties were scheduled for a Show Cause Hearing. The owner of bother properties had been served with a Notice advising him of tonight’s proceedings.

City Attorney Stan Feucht asked if Mr. Josph Dupre, owner of 225-A and 225-B South St. George Street, was present or anyone attending to represent Mr. Dupre. There was no one present on behalf of the two (2) properties.

It was moved by Alderwoman Germaine Simpson, seconded by Alderman at Large Maion “Nootsie” Sattler and carried to **Condemn** the structure at **225-A South St. George Street**.

It was moved by Alderwoman Germaine Simpson, seconded by Alderman at Large Maion “Nootsie” Sattler and carried to **Condemn** the structure at **225-B South St. George Street**.

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

The Mayor announced that Trick ‘n Treating in Eunice will be on Thursday, October 31, 2024 between the hours of 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

The Mayor announced that due to the potential for bad weather from Hurricane Francine the Eunice Rotary Club’s 100th anniversary celebration that was to be held Saturday, September 14, 2024 has been cancelled.

A representative of the Library spoke about the Eunice Public Library’s “Library Scouts” program.

The Mayor nominated Mr. Trey Langley to the Eunice Recreation Committee, to fill the seat vacated by Michael Prejean.

It was moved by Alderman Chad Andrepont, seconded by Alderman at Large Sattler to concur with the Mayor’s recommendation and appoint Mr. Trey Langley to the Eunice Recreation committee.

Mr. Jeremiah Belle who was to speak about his organization “Look Alive” could not attend the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE  
  
NEW BUSINESS:**

It was moved by Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux, seconded by Alderman Randall Reed and carried to approve the sub-dividing of Word Ministries property on West Laurel Avenue to sale a lot to Waffle House Restaurants for development.

It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderwoman Thibodeaux and carried to authorize the advertisement for bids the 2024-2025 Street Improvement project.

It was moved by Alderman Andrepont, seconded by Alderman Reed and carried to declare as surplus five (5) glass display cases (four horizontal and one vertical) located in the lobby of the City Hall.

It was moved by Alderman Reed, seconded by Alderwoman Thibodeaux and carried to declare as surplus as 2010 Fore Pick-up truck, ID #2741.

It was moved by Alderman Andrepont, seconded by Alderwoman Simpson and carried to declare as surplus a 2016 Chevrolet Caprice Police Unit, ID #5152.

It was moved by Alderman Andrepont, seconded by Alderwoman Simpson and carried to declare as surplus a 2016 Chevrolet Caprice Police Unit, ID #6079.

Alderwoman Germaine Simpson spoke on the issues with the Eunice Housing Authority, complaints from tenants and the Housing Authority Board conducting meetings closed to the public and voting on policy while in these meetings that were closed to the public and to the tenants who were affected by the policy changes.

It was moved by Alderwoman Germaine Simpson, seconded by Alderman at Large Sattler and carried to removed Mr. Ronald Dies from his position on the Eunice Housing Authority Board, pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statutes 40:537(A)(1).

It was moved by Alderwoman Germaine Simpson, seconded by Alderman at Large Sattler and carried to removed Mr. David Guillory from his position on the Eunice Housing Authority Board, pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statutes 40:537(A)(1).

It was moved by Alderwoman Germaine Simpson, seconded by Alderman at Large Sattler and carried to removed Mr. Kevin Johnwell from his position on the Eunice Housing Authority Board, pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statutes 40:537(A)(1).

It was moved by Alderwoman Germaine Simpson, seconded by Alderman at Large Sattler and carried to removed Mr. Roland Miller from his position on the Eunice Housing Authority Board, pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statutes 40:537(A)(1).

**MONTHLY REPOTS**

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

Fire Chief Chaise Brown gave a report of the Eunice Fire Department’s activities for the month of August, 2024.

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

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

Ginny Moody, City Clerk Scott A. Fontenot, Mayor