**EUNICE, LOUISIANA**

**DECEMBER 12, 2023**

**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, DECEMBER 12, 2023 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 NOVEMBER 14, 2023 Regular Council meeting.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** No items on Agenda

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

 The Mayor called on Jeanne Solis, Executive Director of Louisiana Folk Roots, Jean Johnson, Executive Committee board member of Louisiana Folk Roots, and Angela Rathle with the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, a sponsor of the Dewey Balfa Cajun and Heritage camp, to speak about the Dewey Balfa Cajun and Heritage week.

 Mayor Scott A. Fontenot Proclaimed the week of March 19 through the 24th, 2024 to be known as “Dewey Balfa Cajun & Heritage Week’ to coincide with the annual camp being held at Lake View Park and Beach.

 The Mayor announced that the Chamber of Commerce sponsored “Christmas Parade of Lights” will be held on Thursday, December 14th at 6:00 pm.

 Liz Todd with the South Central Planning & Development Commission addressed the Board to announce that St. Landry Parish and Acadia Parishes are now eligible for the Restore Louisiana Small Business Loan Program for Hurricanes Laura and Delta. This program provides interest free loans to qualifying small businesses affected by the hurricanes.

 It was moved by Alderwoman Germaine Simpson, seconded by Alderman Randall Reed and carried to allow new subject matter onto the Agenda and allow Mrs. Laura Rougeau Garcille to address the Board.

 Mrs. Laura Rougeau Garcille announced her candidacy for the position of 27th Judicial District Court Judge, Division B, after the retirement of Judge A. Gerard Caswell. Mrs. Garcille spoke about her family, career and goals.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

 There were no Old Business items on the Agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

 It was moved by Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux, seconded by Alderwoman Germaine Simpson and carried to adopt Resolution 1223(A), providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the City of Eunice, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 18, 2023, to authorize the levy of a 2% hotel occupancy tax therein.

 It was moved by Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux, seconded by Alderman at Large Marion “Nootsie” Sattler and carried to introduce for consideration Ordinance 1223(A) which would establish a 2% Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax in the City of Eunice.

 It was moved by Alderman Randall Reed, seconded by Alderman Chad Andrepont and carried to approve the Liquor License application of Joshua Guillory, dba Dollar General Store located at 600 South C.C. Duson Street, Eunice.

 It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderwoman Thibodeaux and carried to authorize the purchase of an Airplane Hangar by the City of Eunice.

 It was moved by Alderwoman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Reed and carried to declare as surplus from the Eunice Public Library the following:
One (1) cassette tape player One (1) wooden book sorter
One (1) small record player Six (6) stackable juvenile chairs
One (1) slide projector One (1) large wooden framed picture
Two (2) projectors

 Alderwoman Simpson announced that the annual Senior Citizens Luncheon would be held at the Southeast Neighborhood Center on Thursday, December 14th  from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, with doors opening at 9:00 AM, with prizes and lunch for attendees.

 Alderwoman Simpson announced that a planning meeting for Neighborhood Watch Programs was held on Monday, December 4th at the Southeast Neighborhood Center and stated she would announce the date of the next meeting at the next monthly meeting.

 Alderman Reed requested that a Traffic Study be done at the intersection of Juanita Street and Greg Avenue.

 **Chief of Police Kyle LeBouef made employee recommendations to the Board.**

 Sgt. Sebatian Noel was notified of this meeting and advised that he could attend. Sgt. Noel was not in attendance.

It was moved by Alderman Reed, seconded by Alderman at Large Sattler and carried to ratify the disciplinary action of a Written Reprimand of Sgt. Sebatian Noel by the Police Chief Kyle LeBouef in regards to an auto accident on 09/04/2023.

It was moved by Alderman Reed, seconded by Alderwoman Thibodeaux and carried to ratify the disciplinary action of five (5) days Suspension without pay of Sgt. Sebatian Noel by the Police Chief Kyle LeBouef in regards to documentation of an incident on 06/05/2023.

It was moved by Alderman Chad Andrepont, seconded by Alderwoman Thibodeaux and carried to accept the resignation of Police Officer Landon Kennedy.

**MONTHLY REPOTS**

 Chief of Police Kyle LeBouef gave a report of the Eunice Police Department’s activities for the month of November, 2023.

 Fire Chief Chaise Brown gave a report of the Eunice Fire Department’s activities for the month of November, 2023.

 It was moved by Alderman Andrepont, seconded by Alderwoman Simpson and carried to approve payment of the City’s bills for the month of November, 2023 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