**EUNICE, LOUISIANA**

**NOVEMBER 14, 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, NOVEMBER 14, 2023 at six-thirty (6:30) o’clock p.m., at their regular meeting place, the Eunice City Hall.

6:15 pm PUBLIC HEARING to hear views on proposed Ordinance 1023(A) – Establishing a School Speed Zone of 25 mph at 865 Sittig Road at the Eunice Christian Academy school. No comments were made and the Public Hearing was closed.

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 OCTOBER 10, 2023 Regular Council meeting.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT: Show Cause Hearings:**

 **230 East Ash Street**: Owner, Phillip Isaac and Randal Franks. Service of Notice was made to the owner at the residence of 1040 Joanna Drive, Eunice, LA on 10/31/23. There was no one present at the meeting to represent 230 East Ash Street.

 It was moved by Alderwoman Germaine Simpson, seconded by Alderman at Large Marion “Nootsie” Sattler and carried to issue an **Order of Condemnation** on the structure at 230 East Ash Street.

 **641 Halsey Street**: Owner Anthony Lee Guillory, Sr. Service of Notice was made to the owner at the residence of 134 Highway 367, Eunice, LA on 11/02/23. There was no one present at the meeting to represent 641 Halsey Street.

 It was moved by Alderwoman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Randall Reed and carried to issue an **Order of Condemnation** on the structure at 641 Halsey Street.

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

Donna Baltakis, chairperson of Keep Eunice Beautiful, addressed the Board on the Clean-up day held on September 30, 2023 and the State convention she recently attended.

 The Mayor announced that the annual “Christmas Parade of Lights” will be held on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. and anyone wishing to participate should contact the Eunice Chamber of Commerce.

 The Mayor announced that he and Alderman Reed had recently attended a meeting of the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste District Alderman Reed reiterated the following information: Weekly garbage pick up in Eunice is on Tuesdays by Bayou State Waste and bulky waste that will not fit into provided garbage cans is picked up by Morgan & Morgan by appointment. You must call Morgan & Morgan at 337-331-5375 and schedule a pickup of bulky waste placed at the curb of a street.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

 It was moved by Alderman Chad Andrepont, seconded by Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux and carried to adopt Ordinance 1023(A), establishing a school speed of 25 miles per hour from 7 am to 9 am and 2 pm to 4 pm on days that the Eunice Christian Academy, located at 865 Sittig Road, Eunice, LA, is in session.

 It was moved by Alderman Reed, seconded by Alderman at Large Sattler and carried to concur with the recommendation of David Hidalgo of Aucoin & Associates and accept the North Runway Obstruction Removal Project as substantially complete.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

 A list of businesses eligible for renewal of their Alcohol Licenses for 2024 was presented to the Board, compiled by Margaretta Frey of the City’s Permits & License Department.

 It was moved by Alderman Reed, seconded by Alderman at Large Sattler and carried to approve renewal of Alcohol Licenses for 2024 for businesses as submitted.

 It was moved by Alderman Andrepont, seconded by Alderwoman Thibodeaux and carried to concur with the Project Engineers, Aucoin & Associates, and accept the Sittig Road Lift Station as substantially complete.

 It was moved by Alderman Reed, seconded by Alderwoman Thibodeaux and carried to adopt Resolution 1123(A), requesting $7,393.00 (seven thousand three hundred ninety-three dollars) from LA DOTD for the North Runway Obstruction Removal project.

 It was moved by Alderman Reed, seconded by Alderwoman Simpson and carried to adopt Resolution 1123(B), requesting $29,907.00 (twenty-nine thousand, nine hundred and seven dollars) from LA DOTD for the North Runway Obstruction Removal project.

 It was moved by Alderman Reed, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to adopt Resolution 1123(C), authorizing the Mayor to apply to the Department of Environmental Quality to place the new Wastewater Plant project on the Project Priority list for funding through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan program.

 It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderwoman Simpson and carried to declare the following items from the Eunice Library as surplus:

Nine (9) cushioned chairs
Sixteen (16) assorted plastic and metal chairs
One (1) table
One 91) DVD organizer
Two (2) book troughs

 Alderwoman Germaine Simpson made the following public announcements:

1. Monday, December 4th at 5 pm at the Southeast Neighborhood Center there will be an information meeting on how to start a Neighborhood Watch program, presented by the St. Landry Parish Sheriff’s Office’s Neighborhood Watch division.

2. The annual Senior Citizen luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 14th at the Southeast Neighborhood Center with a free lunch, bingo and door prizes. Doors open at 9 am and games begin at 10 am, followed by lunch. The event ends at 2:00 pm.

3. The Eunice Food Bank will have’s its 37th annual Food Drive on Tuesday, December 12th from 6 am to 6 pm at the Food Bank located at 2101 West Ash Avenue. The Food Bank is asking for donations or volunteers to help the day of the Food Drive.

 The Mayor and Alderwoman Thibodeaux stated that the Eunice Community Garden, also located at 2101 West Ash Avenue, will have its 3rd annual Christmas Festival on Thursday, December 7th from 5 pm to 7 pm.

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

 It was moved by Alderwoman Thibodeaux, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to concur with the Police Chief’s recommendation and hire Andrew Clark as a Probational Police Officer.

 It was moved by Alderwoman Thibodeaux, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to concur with Police Chief LeBouef’s recommendation and hire Triston Frye as a Police Officer Recruit.

 It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderwoman Simpson and carried to concur with the Police Chief’s recommendation and hire Alexis Boulet as a Provisional Police Communications Officer (Dispatcher).

 It was moved by Alderman Andrepont, seconded by Alderman Reed and carried to concur with the recommendation of the Police Chief and promote Permanent Sergeant David Aaron Carter to the position of Provisional Lieutenant.

 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 terminate Sebastian Noel’s Provisional appoint to Lieutenant and return him to the position of Permanent Police Sergeant.

**MONTHLY REPOTS**

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

 Fire Chief Chaise Brown was not in attendance. Mayor Fontenot read his report of the Eunice Fire Department’s activities for the month of October, 2023. Mayor Fontenot also advised the Board that Chief Brown stated that the New Rescue Truck and Tools for the Fire Department was now in service, the Junior Volunteer Fire Fighter Program had begun and has received ten (10) applications and that the Burn Ban for St. Landry Parish was still in affect.

 It was moved by Alderwoman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to approve payment of the City’s bills for the month of October, 2023 and acknowledged that the Board has received the City’s financial reports.

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

Ginny Moody, City Clerk Scott A. Fontenot, Mayor