**EUNICE, LOUISIANA**

**MARCH 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, MARCH 12, 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 FEBRUARY 15, 2024 Regular Council meeting.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

 Code Enforcement Officer Judson Venezia gave an update on structures damaged by fire. From the year 2021 until this meeting, there have been thirty-eight (38) structural fires in Eunice. Of those damaged structures, all of them have been cleaned up or repaired except for the following:

431 Acadia Street – has been demolished and cleaned up (*photo was provided to Council*).
170 East Ardoin Street – owner, Wayne Sittig, is waiting on his insurance company
150 South Vivian Street – owner, Peter G. Miller, is waiting on insurance company
320 Mill Street – Mr. Venezia is waiting to speak to the owner, Brown Enterprises
1301 Rose Street – has been cleaned up.

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

 Jessica Wimberly Marchand, candidate for 27th Judicial District Judge, Division B position, introduced herself to the Council and gave her personal and educational background.

 Donna Baltakis, chairperson of *Keep Eunice Beautiful* addressed the Council on this year’s Litter Index, required by the *Keep America Beautiful* organization. The index is rated from 1 (very little litter) to 4 (extreme litter). 2023 Eunice’s litter index was 2.0 and this year the index was 2.4, slightly higher than 2023.

 The State’s “Love the Boot” week will be observed from April 20 through 28, 2024. Any business, neighborhood or non-profit can hold its own cleanup during that week but are asked to notify the Keep Eunice Beautiful committee. The committee will sponsor a cleanup day on Saturday, April 20th with registration at Eunice City Hall at 8:30 am and cleanup begins at 9 am. Cleanup supplies will be provided to participants.

 July 6, 2026, the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America, will be the “Greatest American Cleanup” event and Mayor Scott Fontenot signed a Pledge for the City of Eunice to participate.

 Alderman Chad Andrepont announced that the Belly Buddies organization, whose mission is to provide “Belly Bags” full of nutritious foods to needy students in Eunice grade schools on Friday afternoons, will be holding a Fun Run fundraiser on Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 10 am to 12 noon. This non-profit organization was started ten (10) years ago by Katie and Brad Richard. Money raised will allow the group to provide “Belly Bags” for more students in need.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

 **NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

 It was moved by Alderman at Large Marion “Nootsie” Sattler, seconded by Alderman Randy Reed and carried to declare the following City vehicles to be surplus:

 2012 Ford F150 Pickup Truck ID # 1573
 2008 Ford F150 Pickup Truck ID # 6859
 2003 Chevrolet Malibu ID # 3875

**MONTHLY REPOTS**

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

 Mayor Fontenot read Fire Chief Chaise Brown’s report of the Eunice Fire Department’s activities for the month of February, 2024.

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

 Mayor Fontenot announced that the World Championship Crawfish Etouffee Cookoff, hosted by the Eunice Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at the Northwest Pavilion on Samuel Drive in Eunice.

 It was moved by Alderman Randy Reed, seconded by Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux and carried to adjourn.

Ginny Moody, City Clerk Scott A. Fontenot, Mayor