**EUNICE, LOUISIANA**

**FEBRUARY 15, 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, FEBRUARY 15, 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 Chad Andrepont, Alderwoman Germaine Simpson, Alderman Randall Reed and Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux

 There were absent: Alderman at Large Marion “Nootsie” Sattler

 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 Chad Andrepont, seconded by Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux and carried to adopt the Minutes of the JANUARY 9, 2024 Regular Council meeting.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

Code Enforcement Officer Judson Venezia provided photos of the house at **641 Halsey Street** and stated that the doors and windows were still secure and that repairs were being made to the interior by the owner.

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

 It was moved by Alderman Randell Reed, seconded by Alderman Chad Andrepont and carried to appoint Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux as Mayor Pro-Tem for 2024.

 The Mayor announced that he would like to appoint Mr. Mike Dupre to represent the City of Eunice on the Krotz Springs Port Commission.

 It was moved by Alderman Chad Andrepont, seconded by Alderwoman Germaine Simpson and carried to concur with the Mayor’s recommendation and appoint Mr. Mike Dupre to serve as the City’s representative to the Port of Krotz Springs Board of Commissioners.

 Mayor Fontenot and Alderwoman Germaine Simpson presented plaques commemorating acts of Community Service to the following citizens and organizations:

 Rev. Caleb Semien and Pamela Semien and the Word Ministries Church, Antoinette Harrison, Susan Gaspard, Christopher Fontenot and Eunice Food Bank Volunteers Ann Frank, Karl DeRouen, Jr., Jean Vige, Fedor Simonvirs, Karmon Moosa and Cynthia Tanner.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

 It was moved by Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux, seconded by Alderman Randall Reed and carried to adopt Ordinance 1223(A) – levy and collect a 2% (two percent) tax upon the paid occupancy of hotel rooms within the City with proceeds of the Tax to be used to promote tourism within the City.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

 It was moved by Alderman Reed, seconded by Alderwoman Thibodeaux and carried to adopt Resolution 0224(A), requesting a grant amount of $50,000.00 (fifty thousand dollars) for equipment for the Eunice Fire Department from the State of Louisiana through the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP).

 It was moved by Alderman Andrepont, seconded by Alderwoman Simpson and carried to adopt Resolution 0224(B), adopting the 2023 Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Audit Report.

 It was moved by Alderwoman Thibodeaux, seconded by Alderwoman Simpson and carried to adopt Resolution 0224(C), adopting a Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan.

 It was moved by Alderman Reed, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to authorize the Mayor accept the lowest responsive bid for Central Fire Station renovations after favorable review and recommendation of the project’s architect.

 It was moved by Alderman Reed, seconded by Alderwoman Simpson and carried to approve the Liquor License application of Michael Guillory dba Gil’s on West Laurel Avenue.

 Chief of Police Kyle LeBouf recommended hiring of the following individuals for the position of Police Officer: Jayden McCauley, Keevan Fontenot and Danielle Lachney.

 It was moved by Alderman Chad Andrepont, seconded by Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux and carried to concur with the recommendation of Chief LeBouef and hire Jayden McCauley for the position of Police Officer.

 It was moved by Alderman Randall Reed, seconded by Alderman Chad Andrepont and carried to concur with the recommendation of Chief LeBouef and hire Keevan Fontenot for the position of Police Officer.

 It was moved by Alderman Chad Andrepont, seconded by Alderwoman Germaine Simpson and carried to concur with the recommendation of Chief LeBouef and hire Danielle Lachney for the position of Police Officer.

**MONTHLY REPOTS**

 Chief of Police Kyle LeBouef gave a report of the Eunice Police Department’s activities for the month of January, 2024 and a report on the 2024 Mardi Gras activities in Eunice.

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

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

 Mayor Fontenot recognized St. Landry Parish President Jesse Bellard who was in the audience.

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

Ginny Moody, City Clerk Scott A. Fontenot, Mayor