

**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, January 10, 2023 at six-thirty (6:30) o'clock p.m., at their regular meeting place, the Eunice City Hall.

6:30 pm Alderman at Large Marion "Nootsie" Sattler called the Regular meeting of the City of Eunice Board of Aldermen and Alderwomen to order.

There were present: Alderman at Large Marion "Nootsie" Sattler, Alderman Chad Andrepont, Alderwoman Germaine Simpson and Alderman Randall Reed.

There were absent: Mayor Scott A. Fontenot and Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux

The Alderman at Large announced that a quorum was present and ready to transact business.

There were no requests for Public Comment.

It was moved by Alderman Chad Andrepont, seconded by Alderwoman Germaine Simpson and carried to adopt the Minutes of the December 13, 2022 Regular meeting.

Mayor Scott A. Fontenot and Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux entered the Council Chambers. The Mayor and all members of the Board of Aldermen and Alderwomen were present.

Code Enforcement Officer Richard Daigle presented the structure at 501 South Mallet Street and requested that the Board schedule a "Show Cause Hearing" and inform the owners of 501 South Mallet Street of said Hearing.

It was moved by Alderwoman Germaine Simpson, seconded by Alderman Chad Andrepont to **Order that a Show Cause Hearing be set for 501 South Mallet Street.**

Code Enforcement Officer Richard Daigle presented the structure at 610 Halsey Street and requested that the Board schedule a "Show Cause Hearing" and inform the owners of 610 Halsey Street of said Hearing.

It was moved by Alderwoman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Chad Andrepont and carried to **Order that a Show Cause Hearing be set for 610 Halsey Street.**

The Mayor recommended the re-appointment of the following City Officers:

1. City Clerk and Tax Collector: Ginny Moody
2. City Treasurer: Jackie Thibodeaux
3. City Engineers: Aucoin & Associates
4. City Attorney: Stan Feucht

It was moved by Alderman at Large Marion "Nootsie" Sattler, seconded by Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux and carried to concur with the Mayor's recommendation and approve the re-appointments of City Officers as requested by the Mayor.

The Mayor recommended that each representative of the Wards serve one year as Mayor Pro-Tem, beginning with the elected representative of Ward 1.

It was moved by Alderman at Large Marion "Nootsie" Sattler, seconded by Alderman Randall Reed and carried to concur with the Mayor's recommendation and appoint Ward 1 Alderman, Chad Andrepont, to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem for the year 2023.

The City Clerk found at her desk a request for Public Comments from Deborah A. Guillory of 1650 West Peach Avenue in Eunice. There was no Agenda Item listed on the request. Mayor Fontenot asked Ms. Guillory which Agenda Item she would like to comment on however, Ms. Guillory, had wanted to address the Board on situation of abandoned houses. The Mayor advised that that specific item was not on the Agenda, however, Code Enforcement Officer Richard Daigle was in the audience and the Mayor asked him to speak to Ms. Guillory concerning specific abandoned houses.

The Mayor presented to the Board a request from Dollar General Corporation for a Variance concerning minimal number of off-street parking spaces. The new store that will be constructed along LA 13 South at 600 South C.C. Duson Street would, according to City of Eunice Ordinance 18:154, require 46 to 53 parking spaces, however, due to size of lot and average number of customers in Dollar General stores, they request the City to allow 32 parking spaces.

It was moved by Alderman at Large Marion "Nootsie" Sattler, seconded by Alderman Chad Andrepont and carried to grant a Variance to Dollar General Corporation and allow 32 parking spaces to be developed for their new building to be located at 600 South C.C. Duson.

Police Chief Kyle LeBouef requested approval to purchase twenty (20) sets of Level 3 Body Armor for Patrol Officers. Chief LeBouef advised that he had an estimated cost of \$1,500.00 per set but was still waiting for a written quote.

It was moved by Alderman at Large Marion "Nootsie" Sattler, seconded by Alderman Randall Reed and carried to authorize the Mayor to purchase Body Armor sets for Patrol Officers once quotes have been received and that the quote is in the best interest of the City.

Police Chief Kyle LeBouef requested the promotion of David Aaron Carter from permanent Patrol Officer to probational Police Sergeant.

It was moved by Alderman Chad Andrepont, seconded by Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux and carried to concur with the Police Chief's recommendation and promote David Aaron Carter from the classification of Patrol Officer to the classification of Police Sergeant.

Police Chief Kyle LeBouef announced the retirement of Deputy Chief Tony Kennedy after thirty-four years with the City of Eunice. Deputy Chief started his career as a Firefighter with the Eunice Fire Department before transferring to become a Police Officer with the Eunice Police Department, rising through the ranks to the position of Deputy Chief of Police. Chief LeBouef commended the Deputy Chief for his service to the people of Eunice and to the Police Officers he has worked with and trained throughout his career.

Mayor Scott Fontenot also commended Deputy Chief Tony Kennedy for his public service throughout the years. The Mayor reminisced about knowing Deputy Chief Kennedy when he (the Mayor) was a child visiting his own father at the Fire Station, then, knowing him when he became a Patrol Officer.

Alderman at Large Marion "Nootsie" Sattler also commended Deputy Chief Tony Kennedy for his years of service to the Board of Aldermen and Alderwomen and the people of Eunice.

Police Chief Kyle LeBouef gave a report of the Eunice Police Department's activities for the month of December, 2022.

Mayor Fontenot read the Eunice Fire Department's report of activities for the month of December, 2022 and reported that supplies are being delivered to the Central Fire Station in anticipation of the new pitched roof being installed.

It was moved by Alderwoman Germaine Simpson, seconded by Alderman at Large Marion "Nootsie" Sattler and carried to approve payment of the City's bills for the month of December, 2022 and acknowledged that the Board has received the City's financial reports.

It was moved by Alderman Randall Reed, seconded by Alderman Chad Andrepont and carried to adjourn.

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Ginny Moody, City Clerk

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Scott A. Fontenot, Mayor