**EUNICE, LOUISIANA**

**DECEMBER 10, 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, DECEMBER 10 , 2024 at six-thirty (6:30) o’clock p.m., at their regular meeting place, the Eunice City Hall.

**6:15 PM PUBLIC HEARING:**

Ordinance 1224(A), increasing Sewer Rates over the next five (5) years including 28% and 3% annual increases.

Ordinance 1224(B), to revoke the dedication of property known as the Fannie Street extension south of West Oak Avenue and proposed Paula Street.

**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 Comment.

 It was moved by Alderman at Large Marion “Nootsie” Sattler, seconded by Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux and carried to adopt the Minutes of the November 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

 Code Enforcement Officer Judson Venezia requested that the owner of the structure located at 2010 West Magnolia Avenue (owner: M.L. Petroleum) be issued a Notice of a Show Cause Hearing.

 It was moved by Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux, seconded by Alderman at Large Marion “Nootsie” Sattler and carried to concur with Mr. Venezia’s request and schedule a “Show Cause Hearing” for the structure at 2010 West Magnolia Avenue and have the owner properly notified of the Hearing.

**MAYOR’S RECOMMENDATION AND/OR**

 The Mayor announced that the Chamber of Commerce will host the annual Christmas Parade of Lights this Thursday, December 12, 2024. The parade route will be down South 2nd Street to Park Avenue, then on Park Avenue to South 9th Street.

 Mr. Alfred Leger, Senior Vice Commander with the Louisiana Disabled American Association could not attend the meeting and his appearance will be rescheduled.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

 It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderman Randall Reed and carried to adopt Ordinance 1224(A), authorizing the increase of sewer rates beginning in 2025 with a 28% increase, a 16% increase in 2026, a 28% increase in 2027, followed by 3% increases in 2028, 2029 and 2030.

 It was moved by Alderman Reed, seconded by Alderman at Large Sattler and carried to adopt Ordinance 1224(B), abandoning Fannie Street extension South of West Oak Avenue and Paula Street. The vote therein was as follows:

YEAS: Alderman at Large Marion “Nootsie” Sattler, Alderman Chad Andrepont, Alderwoman Germaine Simpson and Alderman Randall Reed.

NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux. **NEW BUSINESS:**

 It was moved by Alderman Reed, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to adopt Resolution 1224(A), supporting the City of Eunice’s application for the 2024-2025 LGAP funding for expansion and improvements to the Eunice Dog Pound.

 It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to authorize the Mayor to renew the City’s contract with St. Landry Fire District #6.

 Mr. Karl Aucoin, the City’s Engineer, addressed the Board on the status of the 2023 LCDBG Street Improvement project.

 It was moved by Alderwoman Thibodeaux, seconded by Alderwoman Simpson and carried to concur with the recommendation of the City’s Engineer and accept the 2023 LCDBG Street Improvement Project as complete.

 It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to declare a city’s ditch witch as surplus.

 Police Chief Kyle LeBouef advised the Board that he had, on this date, received a letter of resignation from Police Communications Officer Alexis Boulet and that he is now amending his recommendation to the Board from non-confirmation of a working test period to asking the Board to accept PCO Boulet’s letter of resignation.

 It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderman Reed and carried to concur with the recommendation of the Chief of Police and accept PCO Boulet’s letter of resignation.

 Police Chief Kyle LeBouef advised the Board that he wished to surplus a 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe Police K-9 Unit and sell this Police Unit to the Evangeline Parish Sheriff’s Department.

 It was moved by Alderwoman Thibodeaux, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to concur with Police Chief LeBouef’s request and declare the 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe ID # 7254 as surplus and pursuant to LA R.S. 38:2212.1(A)(2)(a) authorize its purchase by the Evangeline Parish Sheriff’s Department for $12,000.00.

 It was moved by Alderman Reed, seconded by Alderman at Large Sattler and carried to declare the following Fire Department equipment as surplus, per the request of Fire Chief Chaise Brown:
Seventy-three 50-foot sections of 1 ¾ hose
Thirty-nine 50-foot sections of 3 inch hose
Seventy-one sections of 5-inch hose

Miscellaneous Scrap Metal front Unit #12’s conversion to HW Rescue, including a metal water tank, piping and handles and fittings.

 The Mayor asked the Board to add new subject matter to the Agenda.

 It was moved by Alderman Andrepont, seconded by Alderman Reed and carried to introduce New Subject Matter not previously on the Agenda, the abolishing of the position of District Fire Chief.

 The Mayor advised that he had met with Fire Chief Chaise Brown and due to financial obligations and that there would be no harm to the department it was decided that at this time it would be best to abolish the position of District Fire Chief. Currently the position is filled on a provisional basis. The Mayor stated that the position is not currently a permanent position and the promotional test has not yet been given.

 It was moved by Alderman Andrepont, seconded by Alderman Reed and carried to concur with the Mayor’s recommendation and abolish the position of District Fire Chief.

**MONTHLY REPOTS**

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

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

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

 Ms. Jenna Donaldson, employee of the Eunice Public Library, read the report of the Library’s activities for the month of November, 2024.

 The Mayor recognized Mrs. Devena D. Moody, mother of the City Clerk, who recently passed away at the age of 100 and was very active in her community and the opening of the first public library in Eunice.

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

Ginny Moody, City Clerk Scott A. Fontenot, Mayor