

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, April 11, 2023 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, Alderman Randall Reed and Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux.

There were absent: Alderwoman Germaine Simpson

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 Alderman Chad Andrepont and carried to adopt the Minutes of the March 14, 2023 Regular meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Code Enforcement Officer Judson Venezia gave an update on **221 South St. George Street**. He advised the Board that the owner had demolished the house and had cleaned the lot of all debris.

It was moved by Alderman Chad Andrepont, seconded by Alderman at Large Marion "Nootsie" Sattler to withdraw the Order of Condemnation filed against **221 South St. George Street**.

Code Enforcement Officer Judson Venezia gave an update on **610 Halsey Street**. He advised the Board that the owner had demolished the house and had cleaned the lot of all debris.

It was moved by Alderman Randall Reed, seconded by Alderman at Large Sattler and carried to remove **610 Halsey Street**, which had been scheduled for a Show Cause Hearing, from consideration of condemnation.

MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION AND/OR BUSINESS:

Mrs. Donna Baltakis, chairperson of "Keep Eunice Beautiful", reminded everyone that Saturday, April 22, 2023 would be clean-up day and encouraged everyone to participate by going to City Hall Saturday morning between 8:30 and 9 am and picking up supplies to pick up litter anywhere in town until 11 am.

It was moved by Alderman Reed, seconded by Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux and carried to proclaim APRIL to be "FAIR HOUSING MONTH" in the City of Eunice.

It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to proclaim the week of April 10-14, 2023 to be "National Community Development Week" in the City of Eunice.

The Mayor announced that after serving over twenty (20) years on the Eunice Housing Authority Board Mr. Roger Allison had resigned and the Mayor wished to appoint Mr. Kevin Johnwell, Sr. to fill Mr. Allison's seat on the Board.

It was moved by Alderman Reed, seconded by Alderman at Large Sattler and carried to concur with the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Kevin Johnwell, Sr. to the Eunice Housing Authority Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Karl Aucoin of Aucoin and Associates, the Engineer for the City of Eunice, addressed the Board on the plans for improvements and upgrades to the Eunice Wastewater Treatment Plant.

It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderwoman Thibodeaux and carried to authorize the City's Engineering firm, Aucoin and Associates, to initiate the design of a new Wastewater Treatment Plant and Improvements.

District Court Judge Jason Meche addressed the Board on the development of Regional Juvenile Justice Districts in the State of Louisiana and the request that the State of Louisiana create an Acadiana Juvenile Justice District, to include municipalities and parish governments of the parishes of Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Vermillion and Jeff Davis.

It was moved by Alderwoman Thibodeaux, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to adopt Resolution 0423(A), supporting the development of a Juvenile Justice District to be made up of the parishes of Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Vermillion and Jeff Davis.

It was moved by Alderman Reed, seconded by Alderman at Large Sattler and carried to adopt Resolution 0423(B), authorizing the preparation and submittal of an application to the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), office of Public Health (OPH), Agency for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund ("DWSRF") Lead Service Line Replacement Grant.

Alderman Reed spoke on the need for traffic control devices, stop signs, at the intersection of University Place street and North and South Tanglewood Drive. Mr. Reed advised that at his request in January of this year the Police Department had conducted a traffic study of this intersection.

Chief of Police Kyle LeBouef read the Traffic Study conducted around the intersection of University Place and North and South Tanglewood. The posted speed limit for all streets in the subdivision is 25 mph and the traffic study determined the lowest speed of vehicles in this area was 17 mph and the highest speed recorded was 31 mph. The study concluded that the majority of vehicles stopped at the existing stop sign on University Place street and of those that did not stop, they did slow down and "rolled" through the intersection. Also observed were basketball goals at a few driveways near this intersection which could put anyone playing basketball in these driveways on the roadway which could be a hazard for the pedestrians in the roadway though not of any fault of drivers.

It was moved by Alderman Reed, seconded by Alderman at Large Sattler and carried to introduce for consideration Ordinance 0423(A), authorizing the installation of Stop Signs to create a 3-way stop at the intersection of University Place and North and South Tanglewood Drive, in the University Place subdivision.

It was moved by Alderman Reed, seconded by Alderman at Large Sattler and carried to table the next item on the Agenda, discussion of Ordinance 14:105 "Curfew for Juveniles" as Alderwoman Germaine Simpson, who had placed this item on the Agenda was not present for the meeting.

Police Chief Kyle LeBouef recommended the hiring of Mr. Richard David as a provisional Jailer for the Eunice Police Department.

It was moved by Alderman Andrepont, seconded by Alderwoman Thibodeaux and carried to concur with the recommendation of Chief LeBouef and hire Mr. Richard David as a provisional Jailer for the Eunice Police Department.

Police Chief LeBouef advised the Board of the submitted resignation of Ryan Doucet.

It was moved by Alderman Andrepont, seconded by Alderwoman Thibodeaux and carried to accept Ryan Doucet's resignation.

Chief LeBouef recommended the appointment of Devon Johnson to the Eunice Police Reserve Association.

It was moved by Alderman at Large Sattler, seconded by Alderman Andrepont and carried to concur with the Police Chief's recommendation and approve the appointment of Mr. Devon Johnson to the Eunice Police Reserve Association.

It was moved by Alderwoman Thibodeaux, seconded by Alderman Reed and carried to declare as surplus the following vehicles and enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Town of Washington for the ownership of these surplus vehicles be transferred to the Washington Police Department who currently have no police units:

1. 2010 Ford Crown Victoria VIN: 2FABP7BV7AX105827
2. 2011 Ford Crown Victoria VIN: 2FABP7BV4BX166490

MONTHLY REPOTS

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

Interim Fire Chief Chase Brown gave a report of the Eunice Fire Department’s activities for the month of March, 2023.

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

It was moved by Alderman at Large Marion “Nootsie” Sattler, seconded by Alderman Chad Andrepont and carried to adjourn.

Ginny Moody, City Clerk

Scott A. Fontenot, Mayor