

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKEN A REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 18, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE ARNAUVILLE MEETING ROOM LOCATED AT 107 RUE DE JAUSIERS, ARNAUVILLE, LA 70512

PRESENT—Mayor Todd M. Meche

ALDERMEN—Debbie Kidder, Jamie Huval, Kevin Robin, Cynthia Stelly, Suzanne Stelly

TOWN CLERK—Dolores R. Quebedeaux

ATTORNEY—Kay Theunissen

ENGINEER—Kenny Boagni

UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT—Todd Abshire

POLICE CHIEF—Eddy LeCompte

PARKS AND RECREATION—Zelma Jackson (Absent)

Called to Order—Mayor, Todd Meche

Prayer—Suzanne Stelly

Pledge—All

Mayor asked to amend the agenda to add up-date on Capital Outlay Projects, Jamie Huval moved to amend the agenda seconded by Cynthia Stelly and Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried.

Accept January 15, 2019 Regular Town Meeting Minutes—Mayor Meche

Jamie Huval moved to accept the January 15, 2019 Regular Town Meeting Minutes seconded by Debbie Kidder unanimously carried.

Accept January 24, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes (Hire a Police Dispatcher)—Mayor Meche

Jamie Huval moved to accept the Jan. 24, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes seconded by Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried.

Accept January 2019 Expenses—Mayor Meche

Suzanne Stelly moved to accept the January 2019 Expenses seconded by Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried.

Utility Report—Todd Abshire

Todd explained the Safe Drinking Water Act daily chlorine residual logs were verified by Todd and are on file in the utility office filing cabinet as required by law.

The monthly flow records were faxed to HoPak Laboratories to verify flow in accordance with the discharge permit, as well as all analytical results being examined, reported and filed in the appropriate filing cabinet in the utility department files.

The gas line replacement projects are moving along as planned. The gas system is operating near 40 pounds of inlet pressure at the Cypress Station and 40 psi at the Koch Station.

A work order report was handed to the Mayor and Aldermen.

Kenny Boagni stated that money was put into capital outlay for the gas project and seems to think once this project is completed, there may be some money left over and there are additional repairs. He will look at the repairs and make recommendations. The drainage projects on East Street will be bid out Feb 19, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. this will be competitive bids. Sewer Project at Nunu's bids accepted at 10:15 Feb. 19, 2019. Kenny also discussed the water well property which is land that the town wants to swap with the landowner. Suzanne Stelly questioned how long it would take to swap the land, Kenny said it is family owned land and he and the Mayor will meet with the family.

Kenny also stated that he and the Mayor will meet to prioritize the streets most in need for repairs.

Police Report—Eddy LeCompte

Chief met the Alderpersons since the last Council meeting to give an overview of the operations and functions of the Police Department and to answer any questions they might have regarding the policies and procedures, staffing needs and scheduling. The purpose of the meetings, especially for the new officials was to lend insight.

As always, he encouraged the Council members to let him know if they see a problem that the Department should review. His door is always opened. Chief said that he is very proud of the men and women who work for the Arnaudville Police Department and has implemented many procedures to improve efficiency and effectiveness that was lacking in the past. As well as upgrading the equipment to better accomplish the mission of serving and protecting the citizens.

Each Patrol Office must complete twenty hours of in-service training during a calendar year to maintain their POST certifications. Although some training is provided by the POST Council online, most of the training is done outside the Department either in classrooms or in the field.

With the Etouffee Festival just two months away the Department has been reviewing how well the movement of vehicles proceeded when a "One Way" circle of traffic was implemented around the cemetery and festival area. Unless he receives negative feedback, their intentions are to replicate what was done last year.

Another Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2019 at the Civic Center with an anticipated starting time of approximately 6:00 P.M. They are hoping to have guest speakers from neighboring parishes as well as from the Louisiana Attorney General's office. Everyone is invited who live in the 70512 zip code area.

As has been noted in at least two prior reports, he once again would like to remind the Council members that need to upgrade the Town Hall facility in order to be in compliance with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) regulations. As he pointed out in the past, he was informed that there may be grants available to address the necessary construction work to be done. The Department is not eligible to receive government grants until the deficiencies are addressed. The Department was informed at the last Council meeting of the problems at the Arnaudville Middle School involving motorists driving in an unsafe manner during the morning drop-offs and afternoon pickups. He reviewed different options of safeguarding the children during these critical times. Having a patrol officer on scene at all times was not considered feasible because should an incident occur, the Officer would be attending to that and would not be available; however, when possible an Officer will try to be at one of the locations. He spoke with representatives with DOTD and the Lafayette Consolidated Government and was told that placing speed bumps that are screwed down in the roadway was not a viable option because of high maintenance problems due to have them constantly being re-bolted down plus considerable damage being done to the roadway. The solution, according to Mr. Travis Smith with LCG, would be to install permanent asphalt speed bumps on the roadway. Mr. Smith informed him that this solution could be expensive and that should consideration of removing them come up they would have to be jackhammered out. Having signs placed in the roadway during the times indicated was implemented to address the situation quickly. Although there has been some problems with this alternative it will continue to be used until another option is chosen.

Statistics from the Arnaudville Police Department for the month of January 2019 were: 12 Citations, 30 FIC's, 11 MIC's, 6 arrests and 88 calls for service.

Employee of the Month is Patrol Officer Kirsten McBay.

Cynthia suggested perhaps having barricades turning the streets into a one-way street during the times of drop off and pick up.

Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson (Absent)

Mayor Meche explained that all is going well in the Park and they have completed four dugouts that were being re-done. Zelma is requesting from the Council to allow the park to be used for a benefit for

an 8 year old with Leukemia on April 12, 13, 14 2019 at no cost. Jamie Huval moved to allow the park to be used at no expense seconded by Cynthia Stelly and Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried.

Guidry's Fresh Cuts—Todd Stelly (Absent)

Adopt Resolution 02-2019 Louisiana Municipal Gas Authority Director and Alternate—Mayor

Jamie Huval moved to appoint Mayor Todd Meche as the Director of the Louisiana Municipal Gas Authority and the Alternate Dolores Quebedeaux seconded by Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried

Adopt Ordinance 1-2019 Establish a Reserve Officer Unit—Mayor

Cynthia Stelly moved to accept Ordinance 1-2019 to Establish a Reserve Officer Unit seconded by Suzanne Stelly, unanimously carried.

Adopt Ordinance 02-2019 An Ordinance amending Ordinance 3-14 Pay Grade Classification—Mayor

Jamie Huval moved to accept Ordinance 02-2019 An Ordinance amending Ordinance 3-14 Pay Grade Classification seconded by Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried.

April 2019 Clean-Up—Jamie Huval

Jamie stated that he is actually looking to have the clean-up on March 23, 2019 which will be a town cleanup day the focus will be repairing the gazebo by City Hall as well as town hall. Jamie explained that there are lots of rotten pieces at the gazebo that need to be re-placed and also landscaping at the gazebo. He is asking anyone who can come out and help. Starting time will be 8:00 A.M. until. Jamie also asked that if anyone is interested to please bring tools such as pressure washers, etc. Signup sheet will be available at City Hall. Kevin Robin suggested providing a tool list.

Community Line Dancing—Cynthia Stelly

Cynthia said that she has been to different communities were this is taking place, it would be free, hopefully this can be done weekly. She said she is not a professional but it is for the community. Mayor said that he contacted RMI Insurance and since it is an alderman putting this on the town would be covered under the town insurance. Jamie Huval moved to allow Cynthia Stelly to have use of the Community Center for the Community Line Dancing seconded by Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried.

Capital Outlay Projects—Mayor

The bids were supposed to be opened on February 18, 2019 not realizing it was a holiday so the bids could not be received.

Jamie Huval moved to allow the Mayor to accept the lower bid seconded by Debbie Kidder and Cynthia Stelly, unanimously carried.

Executive Session—Mayor

Jamie Huval moved to enter into executive session seconded by Debbie Kidder and Cynthia Stelly, unanimously carried.

Jamie Huval moved to re-enter into the regular meeting seconded by Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried.

Condolence to all who lost loved ones, Kathy M. Richard (Ex-Mayor) lost her beloved husband, also condolences to the Chester "Doc" Broussard Family (Ex-Alderman).

Citizens' Concerns

None.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Suzanne Stelly seconded by Debbie Kidder to adjourn the Regular Town Meeting seconded by Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried.

Attest:

Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

Todd Meche, Mayor

