

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKEN AT A REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON APRIL 18, 2017 AT THE ARNAUDVILLE MEETING ROOM LOCATED AT 107 RUE DE JAUSIERS, ARNAUDVILLE, LA 70512

Present: Mayor, Kathy M. Richard

Aldermen: Annette Bramlett (Absent), Jamie Huval, Todd Meche, Louis Stelly, Jr., Suzanne Stelly

Town Clerk: Dolores R. Quebedeaux

Town Attorney: Katie Ryan

Town Engineer: Kenny Boagni (Absent)

Police Chief: Eddy LeCompte

Utility Superintendent: Todd Abshire (Absent)

Parks and Recreation: Zelma Jackson (Absent)

Called to Order: Mayor, Kathy M. Richard

Prayer: Suzanne Stelly

Pledge: All

Accept March 21, 2017 Regular Town Meeting Minutes—Mayor

Jamie Huval moved to accept the March 21, 2017 Regular Town Meeting Minutes seconded by Todd Meche, unanimously carried.

Accept March 2017 Expenses—Mayor

Louis Stelly, Jr., moved to accept the March 2017 expenses seconded by Jamie Huval, unanimously carried.

Judge Candidate—Candyce Perret

Candyce introduced herself as a candidate for 3rd Circuit Court of Appeal.

Utility Report—Todd Abshire—(Absent)

A utility report was given to the Mayor and Board Members.

Police Report—Eddy LeCompte

Chief stated that they are at the start of the Etouffee Festival on April 28, 2017. Chief will be present as well as three Arnaudville Police Officers, four St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Deputies and four St. Martin Parish Deputies. Special permission will be granted to those who wish to use their golf carts to travel from their residence to the festival grounds. Anyone interested in using their golf cart should come to the Police Station and fill out a form which they will be required to have on the cart while it is in use. Failure to have a form submitted into the office will result in a citation issued.

Signs have been made to designate Front Street from Tiger Touchdown #6 at Main Street and Guidroz Street all the way to the corner of Front Street as "One Way". These portable signs will be put up during the hours of operation of the Festival, probably one half hour prior to the opening and after the close. The signs will then be moved to the side of the road and out of the way at all other times.

There will be a Drug Take Back program sponsored by the DEA occurring on April 22, 2017. Thrifty Way Pharmacy will act as the drop off point. Fliers have been posted at local businesses. Everyone is encouraged to bring unused or outdated prescription medication to the Pharmacy between the hours of 8 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. Once completed the boxes will then be sealed and transported to the Police Department for later pickup and disposal by DEA.

On the 13th of this month a Neighborhood Watch meeting, approximately 25 people were in attendance. The special guest speaker was the District Attorney for St. Landry Parish, Mr. Earl Taylor. One of Mr. Taylors' topics was some changes in the law regarding incarceration which will be coming up this legislative session.

Chief is in the process of completing the employee evaluations. All will be completed and discussed before the next council meeting.

Mr. Grant Durio, the newest Dispatcher is scheduled to begin attending the St. Martin Parish POST Academy beginning May 1, 2017. During his 10 to 12 week absence, Part Time Dispatcher, Ms. Dianna Richard will assume his responsibility.

Chief asked the Council to approve the promotion of Dispatcher Amber Arnaud to the position of Patrol Officer 1 at a pay rate of \$9.42 per hour, plus state supplemental pay, it was discussed and the pay is \$11.56.

Patrol Officer Jason Howell has informed Chief that he plans on resigning. He will be giving a resignation letter and a two week notice when he has firmed up the date with his new employer.

Statistics from the Arnaudville Police Department for the month of March were: 42 Citations, 31 FIC's, 52 MIS's, 0 arrests and 145 calls for service.

Employee of the month is Anna White.

Todd Meche motioned to promote Amber Arnaud with a salary of \$11.56 seconded by Jamie Huval. Roll Call Todd Meche, yea, Jamie Huval, yea, Louis Stelly, yea, Suzanne Stelly, yea.

Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson (Absent)

Mayor explained that ball games are starting and all is going well.

Water Town lease/purchase—Katie Ryan

Katie explained that a special meeting was held prior to the Regular Town Meeting and this needs to be voted on purchasing the property. Todd Meche moved to purchase the water tower property seconded by Jamie Huval, unanimously carried.

Teche Project—Patti Holland

Ms. Holland explained that Myran Chautin offered his property for the location of the floating dock. The town would have to say that they are OK with putting the structure in their city in order to apply for the grant. Mayor stated that the town was told that they could not put the dock in the location due to having gas and water easement for utilities. Todd Meche said that this location could not be used due to this being a utility easement. Mayor stated that a special meeting could be held before the Regular Town Meeting.

Citizens' Concern

Brandy Perdikis a board member for the Chamber of Commerce presented Mayor, Kathy M. Richard with an award for "Outstanding Dedication and Commitment."

Adjourn

Todd Meche moved to adjourn the Regular Town Meeting seconded by Jamie Huval, unanimously carried.

Attest

Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

Kathy M. Richard, Mayor