

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKEN AT A REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON JULY 24, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE ARNAUVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER, 271 GUIDROZ STREET, ARNAUVILLE, LA 70512

PRESENT: Mayor, Kathy M. Richard

ALDERMEN: Jamie Huval, Todd Meche, Louis Stelly, Jr., Suzanne Stelly

ABSENT: Annette Bramlett

TOWN CLERK: Dolores R. Quebedeaux

TOWN ATTORNEY: Katie Ryan

ENGINEER: Kenny Boagni

UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT: Todd Abshire

Called to Order—Mayor, Kathy M. Richard

Prayer—Suzanne Stelly

Pledge—All

Accept June 19, 2018 Regular Town Meeting Minutes—Mayor Richard

Motion was made by Louis Stelly, Jr. and Jamie Huval seconded by Todd Meche, unanimously carried.

Accept June 21, 2018 Public Hearing Minutes (Budget)—Mayor Richard

Motion was made by Louis Stelly, Jr. and Jamie Huval seconded by Todd Meche, unanimously carried.

Accept June 21, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes (Budget)—Mayor Richard

Motion was made by Louis Stelly, Jr. and Jamie Huval seconded by Todd Meche, unanimously carried.

Mayor Richard also asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add Jamie Huval in reference to the corner of Main St. and Union St. and take Jamie off the agenda for Blighted Property. Motion was made by Todd Meche seconded by Jamie Huval and Suzanne Stelly, unanimously carried.

Utility Report—Todd Abshire

The water line that was discussed at the last month's meeting is complete. Pointe Claire Apartments and Bushville Highway have been replaced. The monthly Safe Drinking Water Act daily chlorine residual logs were verified by Todd and filed in the utility office.

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 utility department.

The gas system is operating near 40 pounds of inlet pressure at the Cypress Station and 40psi at the Koch Station.

There was also a pipeline safety comprehensive inspection. There were two inspectors which took three days to complete the inspection. This is done every 5 years. Todd stated that the last time this inspection was done there were 17 violations and 3 protocol violations. This inspection has zero violations.

June 2018 Expenses—Mayor Richard

Motion was made by Suzanne Stelly seconded by Todd Meche and Louis Stelly, Jr., to accept the June 2018 Expenses, unanimously carried.

Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson

Mayor Richard explained that Zelma is very busy working at the park. Mayor also explained that the town is in the process of buying the parking lot land.

Police Report—Chief Eddy LeCompte

Non POST Patrol Officer Kirsten McBay is scheduled to begin the POST academy at the St. Martin Parish Police Academy on Monday, August 6, 2018. Her projected date of graduation is early November of this year. Chief said he would let the Council know her graduation date as soon as it is confirmed.

The Department files have been moved into a secure location. Access to the location is limited to him and Dispatcher Ida Lalonde. Ms. Lalonde gets the file, gives it to the requester, and returns it to its proper location once it is released back to her.

Chief has intentions of having cameras installed in the room to monitor all entries.

A 550 gallon gasoline tank for the police vehicles was delivered. The tank sill is locked with the Dispatchers being able to hand out the key whenever a Patrol Officer needs refueling. A log will be kept detailing the Police Unit being filled, the Patrol Officer dispensing the fuel, the mileage of the Unit and the date and time the gas was to be refilled. The advantage of having this tank will be that Patrol Officers can get gas no matter the time of day or night as well as during emergencies when other options may not be available (during a storm or other disruptions). Another advantage is cost savings due to bulk purchases, which is believed to amount to roughly twenty cents per gallon.

Chief said that it is an honor to name Father Travis Abadie as the Police Department Chaplain. Father Abadie attended a four hour training class for Police Chaplain and they met on Thursday, July 19, 2018 to discuss what he learned and how best he could assist the Department. On Thursday, July 26, 2018, Father Abadie will be officially welcomed into the Department for a celebration and blessing. The Mayor and Aldermen and Alderwomen are invited to attend the brief ceremony at approximately 1630 hours, 4:30 P.M. Refreshments and cake will be served.

Chief intends to host another Neighborhood Watch meeting in September if feasible. A firm date and guest speakers will be announced at the next Council meeting in August.

Statistics for the Department for the month of June 2018: 64 citations, 38 FIC's 43 MIC's, 5 arrests, and 196 calls for service. Employee of the Month is Kirsten McBay.

Introduce Ordinance 3-2018 Code Ordinance—Suzanne Stelly

Suzanne Stelly read Ordinance 3-2015 Code Ordinances in its entirety.

Suzanne Stelly motioned to accept the Introduction of Ordinance 3-2015 seconded by Louis Stelly, Jr., and schedule a Public Hearing for August 21, 2018 at 5:45 P.M. Roll Call: Todd Meche, No, Jamie Huval, No, Louis Stelly, Jr., Yes, Suzanne Stelly, Yes. Mayor Richard had to break the tie vote. Mayor explained that there is over a year this topic has been discussed. Some places have been cleaned up, but not all places. There are legalities involving this type of work, she feels things would go a lot smoother if Mr. Cooney Richard was in charge of these properties. Mayor explained that some people do want this whereas others do not, but this is for the betterment of the town. Mayor Richard broke the tie with a yes.

Adopt Resolution 2-2018 Local Government Assistance Program and Community Water Enrichment Fund Program—Mayor

Motion was made by Todd Meche seconded by Louis Stelly, Jr., unanimously carried to Adopt Resolution 2-2018.

Government Consultant (Bonds)—Gordon King

Mayor Richard explained that Mr. King could not attend the meeting due to a death. He will attend the August meeting. Mr. King will explain the process of purchasing Bonds. Mayor stated that the bonds would be used for infrastructure.

Introduction of Beau Chene Coach—Jason Meche

Jason stated that whenever he has a chance to spread good news about the Community he welcomes it. Tonight is one of those occasions. He explained that he is attending the meeting to ask for support. As everyone knows there is a new principal at Beau Chene high school. Mr. Richard Morales has been named head coach. Several improvements have taken place at Beau Chene High School. Jason stated that positive things are happening at Beau Chene due to people working together.

Jason asked the congregation to please compliment the volunteers on a job well done.

Mr. Richard Morales asked that everyone pass by the school and see what the volunteers have done. He said Beau Chene is our school, it is our legacy. Coach Morales said that he is where he wants to be and that is Beau Chene High School. Coach said that he is very happy to be at Beau Chene.

Drainage on East St.—Todd Meche

Todd Meche moved to have the engineer start the process immediately, put the project up for bids seconded by Jamie Huval, unanimously carried.

Mr. Louis stated that there are issues on this side of the town as well with flooding matters.

Suzanne said she is concerned about having enough money in the budget to complete this project.

Kenny explained that some of the houses are lower than the roads and this causes flooding problems.

Corner of Main and Union—Jamie Huval

Jamie said the parking is horrible by Russell's and the Dance Studio. He was wondering if there was a possibility of putting signs, such as no parking between signs. Mayor stated that the State is supposed to be coming to add signs. Mayor also stated that she is trying to have the stop sign moved up on Faculty Street.

Blighted Property—Jamie Huval (Removed)

Candidate for Congress—MiMi Methvin

MiMi explained that she is a Candidate for Congress. Open primary is November 6, 2018. MiMi explained that she has 28 years of experience as a federal and state judge along with a track record as an attorney and mediator. Her dedication is to serve people and solve real problems along with supporting education. MiMi has many concerns as a Candidate for Congress.

Citizens' Concerns

Announcements

Jamie Huval announced a Prayer walk on August 7, 2018. Jamie stated that they are planning to do this annually.

Adjourn

Todd Meche moved to adjourn the July 24, 2018 meeting seconded by Jamie Huval and Louis Stelly, Jr., unanimously carried.

Attest

Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

Kathy M. Richard, Mayor