

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKEN AT A REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 20, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE ARNAUDVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER, 291 GUIDROZ STREET, ARNAUDVILLE, LA 70512**

**PRESENT:** Mayor, Todd Meche

**ALDERMEN:** Jamie Huval, Debbie Kidder, Kevin Robin, Cynthia Stelly, Suzanne Stelly

**TOWN CLERK:** Dolores R. Quebedeaux

**TOWN ATTORNEY:** Kay Theunissen

**TOWN ENGINEER:** Kenny Boagni

**UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT:** Todd Abshire

**POLICE CHIEF:** Eddy LeCompte

**PARKS AND RECREATION:** Zelma Jackson

**CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Meche

**PRAYER:** Suzanne Stelly

**PLEDGE:** ALL

Jamie Huval move to amend the agenda to allow candidate Mr. Bill Fontenot (Parish President) to speak and also to adopt the Compliance Questionnaire (Audit Engagement of Government Agencies) seconded by Debbie Kidder and Cynthia Stelly, unanimously carried.

**Accept July 16, 2019 Public Hearing Minutes—Mayor Meche**

Jamie Huval moved to accept the July 16, 2019 Public Hearing Minutes seconded by Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried.

**Accept July 16, 2019 Regular Town Meeting Minutes—Mayor Meche**

Jamie Huval moved to accept the Regular Town Meeting Minutes seconded by Suzanne Stelly, unanimously carried.

**Accept June 2019 Expenses—Mayor**

Jamie Huval moved to accept the June 2019 expenses seconded by Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried.

**Accept July 2019 Expenses—Mayor**

Jamie Huval moved to accept the July 2019 expenses seconded by Suzanne Stelly and Cynthia Stelly, unanimously carried.

**Utility Report—Todd Abshire**

The Mayor and Board were given a Utility Department Update Report.

Todd explained the report starting on the Water Side- TREK has nearly completed the water well painting job, as referenced during the town's LDH Sanitary Survey. The water system is currently being flushed. The digital meter that displays the town's daily well production is being re-calibrated. Daily production errors were noticed during the month of July and August. LRWA performed a flow test on both wells and determined that the SCADA System was reading incorrectly and that the wells were producing 280-350 gallons per minute. Then monthly Safe Drinking Water Act daily chlorine residual logs were verified by Todd Abshire and are on file in the utility office filing cabinet as required by law. On the Wastewater Side- 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.

On the Gas Side-Pipeline Integrity Partners is currently working on the DIMP (Distribution Integrity Management Program). This plan is a Pipeline Safety requirement and is completed by the gas contractors. The DIMP plan is designed to understand system designs and material characteristics, operating conditions and environment, and maintenance and operating history. It also identifies

existing and potential threats, evaluates and ranks risks as well as identifies and implements measures to address these risks. The gas system is operating near 40 pounds of inlet pressure at the Cypress Station and 40 psi at the Koch Station.

Kenny Boagni stated that the drainage project is in the making and should start up in a month.

#### **Police Report—Chief Eddy LeCompte**

On Thursday, August 29, 2019 the police department will be hosting a Neighborhood Watch meeting at the Arnaudville Community Center. The special guest speaker will be Mr. Charles Cravins of the St. Landry Parish District Attorney's Office. Everyone is invited. They are in the process of removing all decals, lights and other police equipment from the Dodge Charger Police Unit. After completion, the unit will be decommissioned as a police cruiser and will then be turned over to the town administration to be sold at auction.

Chief petitioned the Council to approve the resignation of Patrol Officer Kirsten McBay effective September 2, 2019. Chief wished Ms. McBay the best of luck in pursuing her new endeavors.

He also petitioned the Council to approve the hiring of Arnaudville Reserve Officer Barry Ard to a full time position. Patrol Officer Ard will begin at the starting pay of \$11.37 per hour (Grade 2 Step 13). He will take up patrol duties of the town working a designated twelve (12) hour shift. His experience of over 25 years in law enforcement will be valuable to the Department.

Finally, they are reviewing avenues by which the Department can open other options of communication with the Town Council and citizens besides monthly reports. Although he is available to meet anytime, the intent would be to make a Patrol Officer also available during a desirable date as a form of introduction and to enhance community relations.

Jamie Huval moved to accept the resignation of Kirsten McBay seconded by Kevin Robin, unanimously carried. Suzanne Stelly moved to accept the hiring of Barry Ard as a full time police officer at the Grade 2 Step 13 \$11.37 per hour seconded by Kevin Robin, Kevin Robin, yea, Cynthia Stelly, yea, Jamie Huval, nay, Debbie Kidder, yea, Suzanne Stelly, yea. The vote was unanimous!!

#### **Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson (Absent)**

Mayor explained that Zelma is taking care of sprucing things up at the park and all is going well.

#### **Resolution 6-2019 A Resolution Requesting Financial Assistance from the State of Louisiana under the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Local Government Assistance Program and Community Water Enrichment Fund Program—Mayor**

Jamie Huval moved to adopt Resolution 6-2019 seconded by Suzanne Stelly and Kevin Robin, unanimously carried.

#### **Adopt Compliance Questionnaire —Mayor**

Jamie Huval and Cynthia Stelly moved to adopt the Compliance Questionnaire seconded by Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried.

#### **Amend Burn Ordinance—Jamie Huval**

Item was removed.

#### **St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District—Mayor**

Mayor Meche stated that he attended a meeting at Solid Waste. They are presently trying to cut on expenses avenues are being reviewed. Solid Waste has been collecting waste from a neighboring parish which Solid Waste plans to stop the pick-up this means the towns will no longer get these funds.

A proposal was given to the board member for review.

#### **Hunter Education August 31, 2019 (Park)—Mayor**

Suzanne Stelly moved to allow the park to be used for the Hunter Education Classes seconded by Debbie Kidder and Cynthia Stelly, unanimously carried.

#### **Street Signs and Street Lights—Eugene Arnaud**

Eugene spoke on the outage of the street lights in town. Mayor explained that Entergy was called for the outage but due to the storm they were backed up. Eugene also stated that the street signs are not on some of the streets.

**Candidate for St. Landry Parish Assessor—Sherry Zerangue McGovern**

Sherry introduced herself to the Mayor and Council; she thanked the Mayor and the Council for allowing her to speak. Sherry explained what she plans to do if elected for St. Landry Parish Assessor.

**Candidate for St. Landry Parish Sheriff—Sheriff Bobby Guidroz**

Sheriff Guidroz thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to speak. Sheriff spoke of his accomplishments the last four years, he explained what his plans are if re-elected for St. Landry Parish Sheriff.

**Candidate for State Representative—Mike Huval**

Representative Mike Huval thanked the Mayor and Board for allowing him to speak. Mr. Huval spoke of his accomplishments and what he plans to do if re-elected for State Representative.

**Candidate for Parish President—Don Menard (Absent)**

**Candidate for St. Landry Parish President—Bill Fontenot**

Parish President Mr. Bill Fontenot explained his accomplishment through the years and explained what he plans to do if re-elected.

**Citizens' Concerns**

**Adjourn**

Motion was made by Jamie Huval seconded by Debbie Kidder to adjourn the August 20, 2019 monthly meeting unanimously carried.

**Attest**

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Town Clerk, Dolores R. Quebedeaux

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Mayor, Todd Meche