

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKEN AT A REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 15, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE ARNAUDVILLE MEETING ROOM, 107 RUE DE JAUSIERS, ARNAUDVILLE, LA 70512

Present: Mayor, Todd Meche

Aldermen: Debbie Kidder, Kevin Robin, Cynthia Stelly, Suzanne Stelly

Absent: Jamie Huval

Town Clerk: Dolores R. Quebedeaux

Town Attorney: Kay Theunissen

Town Engineer: Kenny Boagni

Utility Superintendent: Todd Abshire (Absent)

Police Chief: Eddy LeCompte (Absent)

Parks and Recreation: Zelma Jackson (Absent)

Called To Order: Mayor Meche

Prayer: Suzanne Stelly

Pledge: All

Accept September 17, 2019 Regular Town Meeting Minutes—Mayor

Suzanne Stelly moved to accept the September 17, 2019 Regular Town Meeting Minutes seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion carried.

Accept September 26, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes—Mayor

Cynthia Stelly moved to accept the September 26, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion carried.

Accept August 2019 Expenses—Mayor

Debbie Kidder moved to accept the August 2019 Expenses seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion carried.

Accept September 2019 Expenses—Mayor

Debbie Kidder moved to accept the September 2019 Expenses seconded by Cynthia Stelly and Kevin Robin, motion carried.

Utility Report—Todd Abshire (Absent)

A Report was given to the Mayor and Board members per Todd Abshire.

Water:

Trek has nearly completed the water well painting job, as referenced during the Town's LDH Sanitary Survey. They are waiting for cooler temperatures to complete the painting of the well piping. The utility department is currently in the process of flushing the water system for the month of October. The 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.

Wastewater:

The digester aerator motor has been replaced by Griner Drilling and is now fully operational. 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.

Gas:

Pipeline Integrity Partners recently completed the leak detection survey and has identified 5 leaks to be repaired. The utility department has been working to repair these leaks. The gas system is operating near 40 pounds of inlet pressure at the Cypress Station and 40psi at the Koch Station.

Debbie Kidder moved to accept the Utility Report seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion carried.

Police Report—Chief Eddy LeCompte (Absent)

Dianne Richard read the chief's report as prepared by the Chief LeCompte.

Chief is currently attending the Louisiana Chief of Police (LACP) Conference in Baton Rouge. Chief is hoping to have a report for the month of November's Regular Town Meeting.

During the past few weeks he conducted interviews of prospective employees to fill the vacancies that they have in the Department. Chief petitioned the Council to approve the hiring of Ryan Ferguson to the position of Provisional Patrol Officer at a starting hourly rate of \$9.93 per hour (Grade 2 step2). He also petitioned the Council to approve the hiring of Ms. Delores Neal to the position of full time Dispatcher at a starting hourly rate of \$8.56 per hour (Grade 1 step 28). Please note that any new hire will have to undergo proper training before he will put them out on their own, some longer than others. For the first six (6) months each newly hired Patrol Officer will be reviewed for their performance and then a determination will be made on their continued employment.

It is the intent of the Police Department to once again make the streets of Quebedeaux, Swamp and Washington one way on Halloween night, Thursday, October 31, 2019. The minor inconvenience will only last for approximately two and one half hours (2 ½) from 5:30 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. after which normal traffic flow will then resume.

Statistics from the Department for the month of September were: 6 Citations, 1 FIC, 6 MIC's, 3 arrests and 76 calls for service.

Motion was made by Suzanne Stelly to hire Ryan Ferguson at \$9.93 per hour seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion carried.

Motion was made by Suzanne Stelly to hire Delores Neal as full time dispatcher at \$8.56 per hour seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion carried.

Kevin thanked the police officers and the Chief for attending the pumpkin patch event.

Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson (Absent)**Water Line at Myrans—Mayor Meche**

Mayor explained that there is a 2" water line that is leaking under the building at Myrans the water line feeds approximately 16 customers. A contractor came out and looked at the job but was unable to trace the line. A temporary patch was put on the water leak.

Kenny Boagni explained that the line would have to be a 3" line due to DHH requirements. The job will have to be bid out. Kevin Robin moved to amend the budget in the amount of \$79,618.00 seconded by Suzanne Stelly and Cynthia Stelly, motion carried.

Audit Report—Burton Kolder and Brad Kolder

Burton went over the management letter, purchasing and bank reconciliation that would need modification in the policy and procedure.

Brad Kolder went over the Utility Department revenues and expenses for gas, water and sewer.

He went over the line items in the departments.

Burton suggested an increase on the base rates of gas, water and sewer.

The audit report is good and the Town is doing well financially.

Burton thanked the Mayor and Board for allowing them to work for the town.

Kevin Robin moved to accept the Audit Report seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion carried.

St. Landry Parish Solid Waste—Richard LeBouef (Absent)

Mayor explained that St. Landry Solid Waste is trying to have garbage pick-up once a week instead of twice a week in order to save cost.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Kevin Robin, Suzanne Stelly and Cynthia Stelly seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion carried.

Attest

Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

Todd Meche, Mayor