

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKEN AT A REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON JULY 19, 2022, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE ARNAUDVILLE MEETING ROOM, 107 RUE DE JAUSIERS, ARNAUDVILLE, LA 70512**

**Present**—Mayor, Todd Meche

**Aldermen**—Jamie Huval, Debbie Kidder, Kevin Robin, Suzanne Stelly

**Absent**—Cynthia Stelly

**Town Clerk**—Dolores R. Quebedeaux

**Town Attorney**—Kay Theunissen

**Town Engineer**—Kenny Boagni (Absent)

**Police Chief**—Eddy LeCompte

**Utility Superintendent**—Todd Abshire (Absent)

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

**Called to Order**—Mayor Meche

**Prayer**—Suzanne Stelly

**Pledge**—All

Mayor Meche asked the board to amend the agenda to add Robert Gautreaux school board member candidate, Jamie Huval moved to add Mr. Gautreaux to the agenda seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion passed.

**Approve June 28, 2022, Public Hearing Minutes—Mayor Meche**

Kevin Robin moved to accept the June 28, 2022, Public Hearing Minutes seconded by Jamie Huval, motion passed.

**Approve June 28, 2022, Regular Town Meeting Minutes—Mayor Meche**

Jamie Huval moved to accept the June 28, 2022, Regular Town Meeting minutes seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion passed.

**Approve June 2022 Expenses—Mayor Meche**

Jamie Huval moved to accept the June 2022 Expenses seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion passed.

**Utility Report**—Todd Abshire (Absent)

Mayor Meche stated that the bar chain for the sewer plant is ready for installation. The tractor is fixed, shredding will take place as soon as weather permits.

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

Chief indicated that he is happy to inform the Council, that presently they are still at capacity with police officers. They are still accepting applications with the hope of getting qualified candidates and having them on file, in case he loses officers in the future.

They have 5 Patrol officers, on the roster. They now have 2 officers (Officer Briscoe and Officer Blanchard) working the night shifts. They now have 2 officers (Officer Deville and Officer Aleman) working day shifts and Sergeant Legrand Supervising.

Chief informed the council that the next St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office Police Academy starts on August 8, 2022, ends on November 17, 2022. He will be sending two officers, Officer Blake Aleman and Jacoby Briscoe.

Once the two officers start the academy, he will be short two officers and Sgt. Toby Legrand will be filling in along with Officer Deville and Officer Blanchard. He will also utilize the two officers in the academy to help on some weekends as needed not to hinder their study and classes.

Chief informed the Council that Dianna Richard, one of the Dispatchers has resigned from her duty and retired. This now opens a vacancy in the Dispatch area of the Police Department. He asked the Council to approve the hiring of Ms. Skye Varnado to be hired effective immediately.

Statistics for the Arnaudville Police Department for June 2022 were: 0 arrests, 8 Citations issued, 11 FIC's, 19 MIC's, 1 accident, 1 assist call, and 62 calls of service, 50% of the time worked by the Officers was spent on routine patrol and taking complaint calls.

The Arnaudville Police Department has obtained quotes from two computer services for update and repair purposes. One service came back with a reasonable quote, Trahan Computer Tech service. Trahan Computer Tech Service has several years of experience, certifications, and licensing. Trahan Computer Tech Service also services several other agencies. The quotes will be given to the mayor for review.

Chief also stated that he would like to have Dianna Richard as a contract worker filling in when a dispatcher is out.

Jamie Huval moved to hire Sky Varnado at \$10.58 per hour (full time dispatcher) seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion passed.

Jamie Huval moved to hire Dianna Richard (same pay) as a contract worker seconded by Kevin Robin and Debbie Kidder, motion passed.

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

An Alumni tournament is scheduled for the park, utility workers are helping with the upkeep of the grass in the park.

#### **Fete Dieu Du Teche August 15, 2022 (Road Closure)—Mayor Meche**

Jamie Huval motioned to allow the road closure on August 15, 2022, seconded by Kevin Robin, Suzanne Stelly and Debbie Kidder, motion passed.

Willie Wyble stated that the barricades must stay put until they are ready to remove them.

#### **April Richard—Flag**

April Richard presented the town with a flag as a token of appreciation.

#### **Robert Gautreaux—Candidate for St. Landry School Board**

Mr. Gautreaux introduced himself to the Mayor and Board Members. Mr. Gautreaux is an educator. He shared his concerns about the children, the parents and the schools.

#### **Up-Dates—Mayor**

Mayor stated the town received grant money in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the St. Landry Parish Government.

July 22, 2022, groundbreaking for the new Arnaudville Fire Department.

#### **Citizens' Concerns**

Kevin Robin explained that the Lieutenant Governor's office awarded the French Emersion Program \$11,520 towards the infrastructure.

A discussion was held on the French Emersion Program.

#### **Adjourn**

Jamie Huval moved to adjourn the Regular Town Meeting seconded by Kevin Robin, motion passed.

#### **Attest:**

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Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

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Todd Meche, Mayor