

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKEN AT A REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 18, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE ARNAUVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER, 291 GUIDROZ STREET, ARNAUVILLE, LA 70512**

**PRESENT**—Mayor, Kathy M. Richard

**ALDERMEN**-Annette Bramlett, Jamie Huval, Todd Meche, Louis Stelly, Jr., Suzanne Stelly

**TOWN CLERK**-Dolores R. Quebedeaux

**TOWN ATTORNEY**-Will Ryan

**ENGINEER**-Kenny Boagni (Absent)

**UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT**-Todd Abshire

**POLICE CHIEF**-Eddy LeCompte

**Called to Order**—Mayor Richard

**Prayer**- Annette Bramlett

**Pledge**-All

Jamie Huval moved to amend the agenda to add fireworks seconded by Annette Bramlett, unanimously carried.

**Accept November 20, 2018 Minutes-Mayor**

Jamie Huval moved to accept the November 20, 2018 minutes seconded by Louis Stelly, Jr., unanimously carried.

**Accept November 2018 Expenses-Mayor**

Louis Stelly, Jr., moved to accept the November 2018 expenses seconded by Todd Meche, unanimously carried.

**Utility Report—Todd Abshire**

A report was handed to the Mayor and Aldermen, Todd explained 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.

DEQ performed a complete inspection of the town's water system. This inspection included the sewer plant and all required paperwork. The only "minor" deficiency found was with the dumpster at the sewer plant had holes in it and was leaking. The dumpster was replaced immediately following the inspection. The monthly flow records were faxed to HoPak Laboratories to verify flow in accordance with our discharge permit, as well as all analytical results being examined, reported and filed in the appropriate filing cabinet in the utility department files.

Mayor Richard explained that there are water problems in the Grand Lake Sub-Division. Todd Abshire said that a filtration system would really help the water problems but is quiet expensive.

Mayor also explained that there will be NO discounts on water leaks, due to this being public monies. It is the Mayor's decision to adjust the sewer part of the bill.

The gas line replacement projects are moving along as planned. The gas system is operating near 40 pound inlet pressure at the Cypress Station and 40 psi at the Koch Station.

**Police Report-Chief Eddy LeCompte**

The department is currently in the process of trying to get one and possibly two entry level Patrol Officers to replace those that are no longer with the Department or will be leaving.

These individuals will be trained in-house to perform the duties of a Patrol Officer. Starting pay for these will be at Pay Grade 2, Step 2 or \$9.93 per hour. Before either has completed one year of service, each must be enrolled in an approved POST Academy. Upon completion and full accreditation their pay

will be adjusted accordingly. Keeping this in mind, Chief petitions the Council to approve the provisional hiring of Mr. Larry Venable as a Patrol Officer on condition that he passes his physical and drug screen. This hire should occur in the next few weeks.

At last month's meeting Chief asked the Council to approve the establishment of a Reserve Patrol Officer Unit. The hours that each reserve officer would be required to work during a year would be 288 hours, roughly 24 hours per month. The hours would be strictly voluntary and could be worked in any increments of time as long as the total reached the minimum required. If the Reserve Officer wished to work more hours they could as long as approval was granted. All reserve officers would be required to pass a physical and drug screen plus pass the POST Firearm Course in order for them to be armed. Non POST certified officers would be required to ride along with one of the full time officers while fulfilling their hourly obligation. Insurance coverage for these Reserve Officers would be approximately \$1,000 per year per officer.

Statistics from the Arnaudville Police Department for the month of November were: 14 Citations, 14 FIC's written, 30 MIC's 2 Arrests made and 77 calls for Service. Routine town patrols accounted for 35% of the time our Officers spent on duty. Chief stated that his patrol force was not up to the required level of personnel and that St. Landry and St. Martin Sheriff's Officer were of great assistance in augmenting the force last month, therefore the statistics for the month were lower than usual. Employee of the Month is Josh Ross. Chief reviewed the performance of all the employees and decided to name Dispatcher of the year, Dianna Richard while Patrol Officer of the year was Kirsten McBay. Chief explained that he has 4 officers and 1 on medical leave. Todd Meche suggested the reserve officer formation should have a policy and adopt by Ordinance setting the perimeters. This topic will be discussed after Executive Session.

#### **Formation of Arnaudville Police Department Reserve Officer Unit (Tabled for December)-Mayor**

This was discussed in the Police Report.

#### **Christmas Eve and New Years' Eve off with pay-Mayor**

Jamie Huval moved to give the employees' off with pay seconded by Annette Bramlett, unanimously carried.

#### **Proclamation for National School Choice Week-Mayor**

Mayor read the Proclamation, Todd Meche moved to accept the Proclamation seconded by Suzanne Stelly, unanimously carried.

#### **Executive Session-Law Suits pertaining to the Town of Arnaudville**

##### **Executive Session-Discussion of Attorney General Opinion**

Todd Meche moved to enter into Executive Session seconded by Jamie Huval, unanimously carried.

Todd Meche moved to enter into the Regular Town Meeting seconded by Suzanne Stelly and Jamie Huval, unanimously carried.

#### **Parks and Recreation-Zelma Jackson**

Zelma explained that all is going well and the dugouts are being enlarged, playground equipment has been purchased and will be put in the park.

#### **After Executive Session**

Chief explained that he has 5 officers excluding the individual on medical leave.

If he would hire Mr. Venable he would have 6 officers.

Todd Meche asked Chief to send Mr. Venable's paperwork so they could look over the paperwork and perhaps call a Special meeting. Jamie stated that he did not feel another officer should be hired. Jamie feels that 6 officers are not needed and the budget cannot handle another officer. Chief stated that this is in the approved budget, the money is in the budget for the sixth officer. Jamie stated that he disagreed with putting it in the budget.

**Lisa Huval-No Parking Signs on corner of Union St and Main Street; mail box problems 126 E. Bagstill St.**

Lisa Huval stated that she had brought up the subject about the no parking signs on the corner of Union Street and Main Street between the Savories' and Russell's' and the dance studio and Wyble's, she said when people parked along Main Street in front of Russell's' you have to enter onto the roadway to see if someone is coming which makes for a dangerous situation. Lisa has also contacted the state due to this being a state highway. She stated that the state told her that the police department needs to make a request in writing, if a request is made in writing then signs need to be put up and the police department needs to enforce the law. She feels that there is a problem in that area.

**Drainage at Oxidation Pond-Dakota Arnaud**

Dakota stated the he had met with the Mayor, Mr. Alvin Stelly, Kenny Boagni and Mr. Ralph. He stated that Kenny said a letter needs to be sent to the town, Dakota stated that he spoke with someone and no letter needs to be sent. He would like this problem to be resolved without any litigation. Todd Meche stated that this problem with not be resolved within the next two weeks.

**Fireworks-Jamie Huval**

Jamie Huval asked that the Ordinance be enforced for Fireworks.

**Citizens' Concerns-Mayor**

**Announcements-Mayor**

Mayor Richard thanked everyone for supporting her and allowing her to work for the people of Arnaudville.

Awards were presented to the Alderman, Mayor and Clerk.

**Adjourn**

Jamie Huval moved to adjourn the December 18, 2018 Regular Town Meeting seconded by Suzanne Stelly and Annette Bramlett, unanimously carried.

**Attest:**

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Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

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Mayor Kathy M. Richard