

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKEN AT A REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON JULY 20, 2021 AT 6:00P.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

**Police Chief:** Eddy LeCompte

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

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

**Called to Order—**Mayor, Todd Meche

**Prayer—**Suzanne Stelly

**Pledge—**All

Mayor asked the board members to amend the agenda to add Sarah Dake, and to also add St. Landry Parish Inter-governmental agreement, Jamie moved to add both to the agenda seconded by Kevin Robin, motion passed.

**Accept Public Hearing Minutes (Amended Budget for 2021 be amended/Adopt Budget for the Fiscal Year 2021/2022)—Mayor**

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

**Accept June 29, 2021 Regular Town Minutes—Mayor**

Jamie Huval motioned to accept the June 29, 2021 Regular Town Meeting Minutes seconded by Kevin Robin, motion passed.

**Accept June 2021 Expenses—Mayor**

Expenses were not completed, should be available at the next town meeting.

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

A report was handed out to the Mayor and Board Members as per Todd Abshire.

Water—Trek has begun forming the foundation for the water well. Once completed, Amy Drilling will continue moving the town forward to having the 3<sup>rd</sup> well put online. The entire water system was flushed during the month of June. LDH disinfection bi-product sample results were received last month, and the

results were amazingly low, due in part to the flushing program. The monthly Safe Drinking Water Act daily residual logs were verified by Todd Abshire and are on file in the utility office filing cabinet as required by law.

**Wastewater**—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 Safety recently conducted a system-wide odorization inspection and found no violations. The gas system is operating near 40 pounds of inlet pressure at the Cypress Station and 40 psi at the Koch Station.

**Police Report—Chief Eddy LeCompte (Absent)**

Dianna Richard read the Chief's report; patrol officer Chris Ortego will be starting the St. Martin Parish POST Academy on Monday, August 9, 2021. It is estimated that his graduation from the Academy will occur sometime in November of this year, unless there are unforeseen delays.

The Council is asked to approve the hiring of Mr. Joshua Cleveland to the Position of Provisional Patrol Officer. Ms. Diana Tabor withdrew her name for the Position of Provisional Dispatcher due to personal family issues.

Provisional Patrol Officer Christian Deville resigned from her position effective Sunday, July 11, 2021. Chief wishes her best of luck in her new endeavors. Chief continues the search to fill the vacant fifth position of Patrol Officer and also the now vacant position for Dispatcher. He is hopeful these vacancies will be filled in the near future.

Statistics from the Police Department for the month of June are: 12 citations, 11 FIC's, 27 MIC's, 1 arrest, 77 calls for service, while 50% of aggregate time worked by the Officers was spent on patrolling the town.

Suzanne Stelly moved to hire Joshua Cleveland seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion carried.

Jamie Huval moved to accept the resignation of Christian Deville seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion carried.

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

Beau Chene alumni will probably be cancelled due to the rain.

**Inter-Governmental Agreement (St. Landry Parish)—Mayor Meche**

This agreement would allow St. Landry Parish government to come in and help the town if needs assistance, motion was made by Debbie Kidder seconded by Suzanne Stelly and Kevin Robin, motion carried.

**Senator John Kennedy's Regional Representative—Sarah Dake**

Ms. Dake introduced herself and explained her duties on a Federal level. She offered her assistance to help anyone in need.

**Adopt Ordinance 03-2022 An Ordinance and Calling a Special Election to be held in the Town of Arnaudville, Parishes of St. Landry and St. Martin, State of Louisiana, to consider a Proposition and Authorize—Mayor**

No action was taken. Ordinance died.

**Up-Dates—Mayor Meche**

A request was made to have Front Street closed for the Fete Dieu Du Teche which will be held on August 15, 2021, motion was made by Jamie Huval and Kevin Robin to close Front Street on that date seconded by Debbie Kidder and Suzanne Stelly, motion carried.

The Bayou Teche Bridge has been cleared out by the state so it is passable. Jamie Huval explained that he raised enough funds to have a live nativity in the Town for the holidays.

**Citizens' Concerns**

William Lewis stated that there is 15 years he has been reporting loud music in his neighborhood and nothing has been done. He has called and complained numerous times. Mayor explained that there is an Ordinance in place for this. Kevin stated that there have been several conversations about noise pollution; Kevin stated that this is unacceptable. A calibrated decibel meter was put in the budget for the reason of loud noise, but the Ordinances have to be followed. Police Officers would have to use their body cameras. The chief would have to buy the meter.

**Adjourn**

Kevin Robin and Jamie Huval moved to adjourn the July 20, 2021 Regular Meeting seconded by Debbie Kidder and Suzanne Stelly, motion passed.

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Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

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Todd Meche, Mayor