

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKEN AT A REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 23, 2018 AT 6:00 AT THE ARNAUDVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER, 271 GUIDROZ STREET, ARNAUDVILLE, LA 70512

Present—Mayor, Kathy M. Richard

Aldermen—Todd Meche, Louis Stelly, Jr., Suzanne Stelly

Absent—Annette Bramlett and Jamie Huval

Town Clerk—Dolores R. Quebedeaux

Town Attorney—Katie Ryan

Town Engineer—Kenny Boagni

Police Chief—Eddy LeCompte

Utility Superintendent—Todd Abshire

Called to Order—Mayor, Kathy M. Richard

Prayer—Suzanne Stelly

Pledge—All

Accept December 19, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes—Mayor

Todd Meche moved to accept the December 19, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes seconded by Suzanne Stelly, unanimously carried.

Accept December 19, 2017 Regular Town Minutes—Mayor

Todd Meche moved to accept the December 19, 2017 Regular Town Meeting minutes seconded by Suzanne Stelly, unanimously carried.

Accept December 2017 Expenses—Mayor

Louis Stelly, Jr., moved to accept the December 2017 Expenses seconded by Todd Meche, unanimously carried.

Utility Report—Todd Abshire

Todd said that with the recent cold weather the Town of Arnaudville did not have any major issues with regards to customers dripping their faucets. They were able to maintain system pressure throughout and they continue to monitor the production of the wells on a daily basis. The scada system alarms the utility workers on what is happening with the wells.

Todd explained that the discharge permit is due for renewal; he and Kenny Boagni are moving forward accordingly.

As far as the gas system there were no issues with the gas system during the cold weather. Customer's gas bills will be high over the next couple of months. The gas consumption for the town as a whole will most likely be 3-5 times more than normal.

Todd Meche asked Todd Abshire if he had heard anything from Guidry's Fresh Cuts, Todd Abshire stated that he faxed all of the reports from Guidry's to Kenny Boagni. The reading has been anywhere from 4 to 6 hundred (BOD) a month. Kenny Boagni stated that the numbers for the BOD should be about 200 a month. Kenny stated that on the permit Guidry's is titled as industrial customer. Mayor asked Kenny to get a sample sewer usage Ordinance that other towns use. A discussion was held on the sewer plant about Guidry's Fresh Cuts.

Kenny also discussed the water project including the grant monies for the project.

Kenny stated that he touched base with DOTD about the drainage issue on Market Street; he is hoping that DOTD can help with the permits. There is a conflict with a gas and water line on that stretch of the road.

Police Report—Chief Eddy LeCompte

During the 2017 calendar year the Police Department responded to 1,816 calls for services. Chief is extremely proud of the Law Enforcement Officers for the Manner in which they performed their duties. He reviews each incident that could have evolved into a serious problem and dissects it to ascertain if he could or should have done something different. Also, during the calendar year, the Officers issued 576 traffic citations. The holidays were uneventful. No major injury or complaint was received by the Department. Chief petitioned the City Council to approve the hiring of Mr. John Billiot and Mr. Leroy Briscoe from a provisional to a full time Patrol Officer at Pay Grade 2, Step 2 or an hourly pay rate of \$9.93. Both of these individuals have passed all necessary tests to assume these positions. The only other criteria they will have to complete are their firearm qualifications, which will be given by Chief Noel of the Leonville Police Department who is a POST firearm instructor. After completion, both Mr. Billiot and Mr. Briscoe will be given adequate field training prior to assuming patrol duties on their own. Both will also have to attend a POST Academy within a year of their hire date. He petitioned the Council to accept the resignation of Patrol Officer Trent Mouton effective January 22, 2018. Because of this unexpected departure he is currently in the process of interviewing candidates for a Patrol Officer position.

At the last Council meeting on December 19, 2017, he requested that the Council approve Disciplinary action that was taken on a Police Department employee. Since the Council did not vote on this, he petitioned the Council to approve the Disciplinary action that was given of the three days off without pay due to conduct issues.

There will be a Neighborhood Watch meeting within the next few months.

The Department is preparing for the upcoming Etouffee Festival to be held on April, 27, 28, 29, 2018. He will review what was done last year to see if improvements can be made. Should the Council or the Community members have an idea to enhance the festival experience contact the Police Department. Statistics for the Department for the month of December 2017: 73 Citations, 54 FIC's, 41 MIC's, 15 arrests and 151 calls for service.

Employee of the Month is Patrol Officer/Acting Sergeant Ms. Anna White.

Todd Meche moved to accept the disciplinary action taken on a Police Department employee due to conduct issues seconded by Suzanne Stelly, unanimously carried.

Chief stated that he would have a total of 6 officers if Mr. Billiot and Mr. Briscoe are hired.

Motion was made by Todd Meche to accept the hiring of John Billiot and Leroy Briscoe to a full time Patrol Officer at Pay Grade 2, Step 2 at an hourly rate of \$9.93 seconded by Suzanne Stelly, unanimously carried.

Todd Meche moved to accept the resignation of Trent Mouton seconded by Louis Stelly Jr., unanimously carried.

Citizens' Concerns

Grant Durio suggested having the residents of the Town of Arnaudville have Physical Address numbers made noticeable on their homes.

Adjourn

Todd Meche moved to adjourn the Regular Town Meeting seconded by Louis Stelly Jr., and Suzanne Stelly, unanimously carried.

Attest

Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

Kathy M. Richard, Mayor