

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKEN AT A REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 19, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE ARNAUDVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER, 271 GUIDROZ STREET, ARNAUDVILLE, LA

Present—Mayor Kathy M. Richard

Aldermen—Annette Bramlett, Jamie Huval, Todd Meche, Louis Stelly, Jr., Suzanne Stelly

Town Clerk—Dolores R. Quebedeaux

Town Attorney—Katie Ryan

Engineer—Kenny Boagni

Police Chief—Eddy LeCompte

Utility Superintendent—Todd Abshire (Absent)

Parks and Recreation Director—Zelma Jackson (Absent)

Called to Order—Mayor Richard

Prayer—Suzanne Stelly

Pledge—All

Mayor moved the Executive Session to the beginning of the Agenda due to the attorney having an engagement. Todd Meche moved to enter into Executive Session seconded by Jamie Huval, unanimously carried.

Mayor Richard asked the board to amend the agenda to add; schedule a Public Hearing for Building Code Inspection with Mr. Rodney “Cooney” Richard. Motion was made by Jamie Huval seconded by Annette Bramlett unanimously carried.

Mr. Louis Stelly, Jr., moved to enter into the Regular Meeting seconded by Suzanne Stelly and Jamie Huval, unanimously carried.

Accept November 21, 2017 Regular Town Meeting Minutes—Mayor

Jamie Huval moved to accept the Regular Town Meeting Minutes seconded by Louis Stelly, Jr., unanimously carried.

Accept November 2017 Expenses—Mayor

Jamie Huval moved to accept the November 2017 expenses seconded by Annette Bramlett and Louis Stelly, Jr., unanimously carried.

Utility Report—Todd Abshire (Absent)

A utility report was handed to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Police Report—Chief Eddy LeCompte

Chief is in the process of trying to get one or possibly two entry level Patrol Officers to replace those that are no longer with the Department or will be leaving shortly. These individuals will be trained in-house to perform the duties of a Patrol Officer. Starting Pay for these positions will be Pay Grade 2, Step 2 or \$9.93 per hour. Upon completion and full accreditation their pay will be adjusted accordingly.

Approximately twenty individuals applied for the Patrol Officer Position of which five were scheduled to interview. Of those five, three were asked to return to take the physiological examination which were administered December 18 and 19 2017. The results of the exams should be in his hands during the final week of this year and will be another tool to be used in the determination of the two top candidates. It is projected that the vacancies previously mentioned should be filled on a provisional position, brought to the Council for approval at the January City Council Meeting to be held on January 16, 2018. Chief asked for consideration in this hiring process due to having problems filling the vacant positions.

Reserve Officer Barry Ard had consented to work for two to six months until the vacant positions were filled; however, several emergency family issues arose during the past week which will severely curtail

him fulfilling the obligation. Because of this, the Department finds itself in a critical shortage situation that needs to be addressed rapidly. Failure to do so in a timely manner is detrimental to the operation. Chief asked the Council to approve Disciplinary action that was taken on a Police Department employee who was given three days off without pay due to conduct issues. The Mayor was informed of the reason for the action taken. The dates of this action were December 10, 13 and 14, 2017.

Chief said that it is his decision to place Patrol Officer Anna White in the position of acting Sergeant in the Police Department. In this position Patrol Officer White shall assume command of the Department in his absence. After a sufficient probationary period of 60 to 120 days the Council will be asked to make the "acting" status a permanent one with the accompanying hourly pay increase. Statistics from the Arnaudville Police Department for November were: 62 Citations, 39 FIC's, 58 MIC's, 14 Arrests and 193 calls for service.

Employee of the month for November 2017 is Grant Durio.

Chief reviewed the performance of all of his employees and decided to name one Dispatcher and one Patrol Officer as employee of the year in their respective fields. Dispatcher of the year was presented to Sable Jolivette and Patrol Officer of the year to Patrol Officer Anna White.

Utility—Kenny Boagni

Kenny discussed the water project on Bushville Hwy. Kenny stated that there is a small amount of grant money that could be used towards this project. Advertisement for bids would have to take place, 6 local contractors are sent the information.

Kenny Boagni said that he worked on the permit for the sewer plant and things are better, he commended Todd Abshire for staying within regulations.

Annette Bramlett stated that her back yard neighbor was burning something near her house and asked Chief to perhaps patrol that area.

Adopt Ordinance 06-2017-An Ordinance of the Town of Arnaudville amends the Arnaudville Code of Ordinances to implement each of the most currently adopted codes, along with amendments thereto; also included is the adoption of each code's chapter 1—Mayor

Todd Meche moved to NOT to adopt the Ordinance seconded by Jamie Huval, roll call, Annette Bramlett, Yea, Todd Meche, Yea, Jamie Huval, Yea, Louis Stelly, Jr., Yea, Suzanne Stelly, Yea.

Schedule a Special Meeting with Mr. Cooney—Mayor

There was no meeting scheduled. Mayor Richard said that she would speak to Mr. Cooney to see what dates are available for him.

Citizens' Concern—Mayor

There was a discussion about the blighted properties and Ordinances.

Adjourn

Todd Meche moved to adjourn the December 19, 2017 Regular Town Meeting seconded by Louis Stelly, Jr., and Annette Bramlett, unanimously carried.

Attest

Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

Kathy M. Richard, Mayor

