

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKEN AT A REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 19, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE ARNAUVILLE MEETING ROOM, 107 RUE DE JAUSIERS, ARNAUVILLE, LA 70512**

**Present:** Mayor, Todd Meche

**Aldermen:** Jamie Huval, Debbie Kidder, Kevin Robin, Cynthia Stelly, Suzanne Stelly

**Town Clerk:** Dolores R. Quebedeaux

**Town Attorney:** Kay Theunissen

**Town Engineer:** Kenny Boagni

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

**Police Chief:** Eddy LeCompte

**Parks and Recreation Director:** Zelma Jackson

**Called to Order:** Mayor Meche

**Prayer:** Suzanne Stelly

**Pledge:** All

**Accept October 15, 2019 Regular Town Meeting Minutes—Mayor**

Jamie Huval moved to accept the October 15, 2019 Regular Town Meeting Minutes seconded by Cynthia Stelly, motion carried.

**Accept October 2019 Expenses—Mayor**

Jamie Huval moved to accept the October 2019 Expenses seconded by Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried.

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

Utility Reports were given to the Mayor and Board members per Todd Abshire.

**Water Department** -The Utility Department flushed the entire water system during the month of October. 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.

**Wastewater Department** – The monthly flow records were faxed to HoPak Laboratories to verify flow in accordance with the discharge permit, as well as analytical results being examined, reported and filed in the appropriate filing cabinet in the utility department files.

**Gas Department-** The gas system is operating near 40 pounds of inlet pressure at the Cypress Station and 40 psi at the Koch Station.

**Police Report—Eddy LeCompte**

On Thursday, October 31, 2018, the streets of Quebedeaux, Swamp and Washington were designated as “One Way” for approximately two and one half hours during “Trick or Treat” time period on Halloween.

They did not experience any traffic congestion or child safety problems in that area; therefore, they plan on doing the same thing next year. Traffic flow in the remainder of the town was without incident.

Tuesday, November 19, 2019, Patrol Officer Cody LeBlanc graduated from the POST Academy at the St. Martin Police Academy. He petitioned the Town Council to approve the promotion of Patrol Office Cody LeBlanc from Provisional to the position of POST Certified Patrol Officer at the pay rate of Grade 2 Step 13 (\$ 11.37 per hour) effective immediately.

Chief continues the conducting of interviews to fill positions vacated for Patrol Officers in the future. As mentioned at a prior Council meeting, finding qualified candidates has been difficult; of course this is a problem nationwide. One thing going for the department is the proficiency in training any new recruits he gets which; unfortunately, has also served to attract other law enforcement agencies who pay more or have better benefits to pursue the trained officers, and woo them away for the department. The Council should be aware that the Arnaudville Police Department is a recruiting facility and as such they

will always, as do other small agencies, be short of qualified officers. Statistics for the Arnaudville Police Department for the month of October were: 5 Citations, 7 FIC's, 19 MIC's, 4 arrests and 66 calls for service. Jamie Huval moved to accept the promotion of Cody Leblanc to Grade 2 Step 13 seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion carried.

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

Mayor Meche explained that basketball registration is taking place. The dugouts are being repaired.

**Fire Station (Resolutions)—Mayor Meche**

There were 2 Resolutions that were handed to the Board Member one for the fire station and one for the town. The fire department has already had their meeting and they have accepted the Resolution, the fire department needs more room and would like to build a new fire station. The Fire Department would like the town tennis court property and the town would take over the existing Fire Department. Mayor said he spoke with CPA Burton Kolder about the difference in the money, Burton agreed with taking the money from the 2% set aside account.

Mayor entertained a motion to allow him to sign the Resolution and also take the money out of the 2% set aside, Kevin Robin moved to adopt the Resolution seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion carried.

**St. Landry Parish Solid Waste—Richard LeBouef (Absent)**

**Amend Reserve Ordinance (To have Reserve Officers clock in per shift)—Jamie Huval**

Jamie Huval stated that he spoke with some Council Members and the Mayor about amending the Reserve Officer Ordinance to include officers to begin clocking in per shift. This is more so dealing with Insurance purposes. Jamie moved to schedule a Public Hearing at 5:30 P.M. December 17, 2019 seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion carried.

Mayor explained that documentation has to take place on when these officers are working, due to injuries or accidents, etc. Chief LeCompte stated that he does keep a record of when the Reserve Officers are working. Chief feels that giving these Reserve Officers a time card might cause them to be considered employees.

**La Jonction Bar (Loud Music) Discussion—Jamie Huval**

Jamie stated that he will be presenting the Ordinances for Loud Music and Disturbing the Peace to be amended. He said the Disturbing the Peace Ordinance is until 11:00 P.M. and feels it should be 10:00 P.M. Jamie moved to have a Public Hearing on December 17, 2019 at 5:45 P.M. seconded by Debbie Kidder, Suzanne Stelly, and Cynthia Stelly, motion carried.

**Litigation Up-Date (Executive Session)—Mayor / Kay Theunissen (Removed)**

**School Board—Josh Boudreau**

Mr. Boudreau spoke on behalf of the school in Arnaudville; individuals were concerned about the school closing. Mr. Boudreau expressed concerns about the structure of the school. A discussion took place about the School, but nothing is set in stone. He explained that the School Board is out of money. Kevin Robin reported on the Christmas decorating committee. Mayor Meche thanked everyone who helped to refurbish the Christmas decorations.

Business of the month went out to Russell's Food Center.

**Citizens' Concerns**

A discussion was held in regards to the loud music Ordinance. Mayor explained that they are willing to work with all of the businesses. Working together is what it is all about. George Marks stated that the owners should be contacted before bringing this into a public meeting.

**Adjourn**

Suzanne Stelly moved to adjourn the Regular Town Meeting seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion carried.

**Attest:**

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Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

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Todd Meche, Mayor

