

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKEN AT A PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON APRIL 17, 2018 AT 5:45 P.M. AT THE ARNAUDVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER, 271 GUIDROZ STREET, ARNAUDVILLE, LA 70512

Re: An Ordinance of the Town of Arnaudville to amend the Arnaudville Code of Ordinances including section: 5.2 replace St. Landry Parish Government and add Building Code Inspection Services LLC to implement each of the most currently adopted codes, along with any amendments thereto; also included is the adoption of each code's Chapter 1.

Present: Mayor, Kathy M. Richard

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

Town Clerk: Dolores R. Quebedeaux (Absent)

Accounts Payable Secretary: Cindy Romero (Minutes)

Town Engineer: Kenny Boagni

Town Attorney: Katie Ryan

Building Code Inspection Services, LLC: Cooney Richard

Police Chief: Eddy LeCompte

Called to Order: Mayor, Kathy M. Richard

Prayer: Suzanne Stelly

Pledge: All

Jamie Huval started by asking the council members if they had read the 60 pages of the 2016 Book of the Codes. Jamie read a paragraph stating that nowhere does this book indicate grandfather. He does not believe in big government. He does not support the Codes and cannot vote on this.

Mayor stated that this meeting was called to discuss the Ordinance and perhaps make changes.

Suzanne Stelly stated that Jamie came to the board a year or so ago with a list of 22 blighted properties.

Suzanne stated that Jamie wanted something done about this. Jamie stated that he wanted letters sent out. Suzanne stated that Mr. Cooney came in and explained about the blighted property along with showing pictures of the properties. Suzanne explained that the Mayor and the Board Members are not inspectors. Suzanne stated that someone needs to take care of these problems as a whole. Jamie said that no letter was sent out of the 22 listings he brought to the office. Jamie asked the Council what made them change their minds about re-voting on the Ordinance. Suzanne Stelly said that she was going to look at the previous minutes to see exactly what took place.

Todd Meche said he objects to adopting the International Property Maintenance Codes.

Mayor said that before the meeting started she was approached and was asked if you needed a permit to change a light bulb, do you also have to get a permit to change a receptacle, Mr. Cooney stated that technically a receptacle is dealing with hot wire, you do not need a license to change a light bulb. Mr. Cooney asked who does this. Mr. Cooney uses the Codes because this is what is legal. Mr. Cooney gave examples of what does require a permit. He said that he instructs property owners of what needs to take place. Mayor asked Mr. Cooney if you put a hammer in your hand do you need a permit, Mr. Cooney stated that you do not. Todd said that he wants to enforce the Ordinances that are in place. Mayor said that the Ordinance needs to be changed to accommodate the problems that the town has. Mr. Cooney stated that the Town of Arnaudville is in good shape and on a scale of 1 to 10 he rates the town as an 8.

Mr. Cooney explained that inspections are very important for someone's safety.

Annette Bramlett questioned why the parish is not issuing permits. Mr. Cooney explained that this is not being enforced.

Mayor stated that she would like to see things move forward. Ginger LeCompte asked why the council is afraid of these permits. Ginger feels that these permits need to be enforced for the safety of children and adults. Willie Wyble stated that this is not the time to pass permits unto the constieunts. Mr. Cooney does not enforce licenses. Mr. Amar Bonin expressed his opinion on various topics. Lisa Huval also had questions about the blighted property and the letters that are sent out to the landowners. A Building Code Inspector is needed to comply with rules and regulations. Mayor asked the board to get together and prepare an Ordinance. Katie Ryan stated that an up to date Ordinance needs to be adopted.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Todd Meche seconded by Annette Bramlett and Suzanne Stelly to adjourn the Public Hearing, unanimously carried.

Attest

Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

Kathy M. Richard, Mayor