

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKEN AT A REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON MAY 15, 2018 AT THE ARNAUDVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER, 271 GUIDROZ STREET, ARNAUDVILLE, LA 70512

Present: Mayor Pro Tem, Todd Meche
Aldermen: Jamie Huval, Todd Meche, Louis Stelly, Jr., Suzanne Stelly
Absent: Mayor, Kathy M. Richard, Annette Bramlett
Town Clerk: Dolores R. Quebedeaux
Town Attorney: Katie Ryan (Absent)
Town Engineer: Kenny Boagni
Utility Superintendent: Todd Abshire (Absent)
Police Chief: Eddy LeCompte
Parks and Recreation: Zelma Jackson

Called to Order: Mayor Pro Tem, Todd Meche

Prayer: Suzanne Stelly

Pledge: All

Todd Meche explained to the Public that Mayor Richard was out due to surgery, wishing her a speedy recovery.

Accept April 17, 2018 Regular Town Meeting Minutes—Mayor Pro Tem, Todd Meche

Jamie Huval moved to accept the April 17, 2018 regular Town Meeting Minutes, seconded by Louis Stelly Jr., and Suzanne Stelly, unanimously carried.

Accept April 17, 2018 Public Hearing Minutes—Mayor Pro Tem, Todd Meche

Jamie Huval moved to accept the April 17, 2018 Public Hearing minutes seconded by Louis Stelly Jr., and Suzanne Stelly, unanimously carried.

Accept April 2018 Expenses—Mayor Pro Tem, Todd Meche

Jamie Huval and Suzanne Stelly moved to accept the April 2018 Expenses seconded by Louis Stelly, Jr., unanimously carried.

Utility Report—Todd Abshire (Absent)

A Utility report was handed out to the Council Members.

Jamie Huval made a motion to have a hydrant repaired on the corner of Hwy 31 and Bienville at the cost of \$5000.00 seconded by Suzanne Stelly, unanimously carried.

Kenny explained that Mayor Richard had signed all of the contracts for the water project. Kenny explained that the project could be completed before the budget ending with weather permitting. In Capital Outlay there is money for gas repairs, but this may have to be reallocated in next year's budget.

Some of the gas projects may get completed before the fiscal year ends.

Kenny also stated that he would contact DOTD to help with the State Highway projects.

Jamie Huval said he was going to get in touch with DOTD about issues with the roads in town.

Police Report—Chief Eddy LeCompte

The Etouffee Festival was quite a success.

The Drug Take Back program held on Saturday, April 28, 2018 was successful. Officers from the DEA stopped by the Department last Thursday to collect the box of prescription drugs turned in by the citizens. These will be destroyed by DEA.

The employee evaluations have been fully completed as of tonight; however, each employee has not been spoken with concerning their individual ratings. Of all the current employees only 7 have over a year's service and thus will get a complete evaluation. The remaining employees will be evaluated on an on-going basis. Chief petitioned the Council to approve the hiring of Mr. Dustin Broussard for the

position of Patrol Officer effective May 16, 2018 at a pay rate of \$9.93 per hour. Patrol Office Broussard will immediately begin training and should be able to assume patrol responsibility by the end of June. The files for the Department are currently being relocated to a secure location where they will be locked. Only one employee, Ms. Ida Lalonde, will have access to the file room and will be the only one responsible for removing and replacing file that have been taken out temporarily. They are currently getting quotes to have 2 cameras installed in the file room for security.

Chief is working on the Arnaudville Police Department annual budget. He has every intention of having the annual budget for 2018-2019 as well as the variance report comparing the 2017-2018 projected actual expenses completed by the end of the month.

Statistics from the Department for the month of April were: 26 citations, 36 FIC's, 54 MIC's, 4 arrests, 145 calls for service.

Employee of the month is Grant Durio.

Todd Meche told the chief that he did not see a position open to hire a police officer.

Chief said the person that is out on medical leave will be out for approximately 3 months. Todd Meche moved to table the hiring of a police officer due to a situation or until the next budget, Chief said that he has been asking to enter into executive session but has not heard from anyone about the situation; Jamie Huval seconded Todd's motion, unanimously carried.

Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson (Absent)

All is going well at the park.

Adopt Millage Rates for Tax Year 2018 General Alimony 5.72 water works7.0—Mayor Pro Tem Todd Meche

Todd Meche read Resolution1-2018 in its entirety.

BE IT Resolved, that the following millages are hereby levied on the 2018 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Town of Arnaudville:

	<u>Millages</u>
General Alimony (5129001 & 5139001)	5.720 mills
Water Works (5129002& 5139002)	7.000 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials or the Parish of St. Landry & St. Martin, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2018, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein are levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

Motion was made by Todd Meche seconded by Jamie Huval to accept Resolution 1-2018

Roll Call

Yeas: Jamie Huval, Todd Meche, Louis Stelly, Jr., Suzanne Stelly

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Annette Bramlett

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on May 15, 2018, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Arnaudville, Louisiana, this 15th day of May 2018

Dolores R. Quebedeaux

Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

Town of Arnaudville

107 Rue De Jausiers

Arnaudville, La 70512

Todd moved to the last item on the agenda,

Champagne And Company, LLC—Mayor Pro Tem—Todd Meche

Todd explained that in the past Kolder, Champagne has helped with the budget in the past; Penny Scruggins has helped with the budget, since last year Mr. Champagne has split off from Kolder now being Champagne and Company. Todd suggested hiring Champagne and Co. to assist with the budget get the preliminary budget and get the information to the Mayor.

Todd explained that Champagne and Co. be hired for the budget and Kolder and Co. would perform the audit.

Suzanne Stelly moved to accept the hiring of Champagne and Co. for the budget and Kolder for the audit seconded by Louis Stelly, Jr., unanimously carried.

Introduce Ordinance 1-2018 amending the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2017 and Ending June 30, 2018—Mayor Pro Tem—Todd Meche

Introduce Ordinance 2-2018 An Ordinance Adopting the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2018 and Ending June 30, 2019—Mayor Pro Tem—Todd Meche

Todd Meche introduced both above Ordinances and asked the council to schedule a Public Hearing for June 2018.

Suzanne Stelly moved to accept the Ordinances and schedule a Public Hearing for the month of June 2018 seconded by Todd Meche, unanimously carried.

Schedule a Public Hearing for the Month of June 2019—Todd Meche

Suzanne Stelly moved to schedule a Public Hearing in June 2018 seconded by Todd Meche, unanimously carried.

Citizens' Concerns

Mr. Amar Bonin questioned the repairs on the streets. Todd explained that a study would have to be take place and perhaps a bond issue would have to take place.

Mr. Bonin explained that the roads just keep getting worse in time.

Adjourn

Todd Meche moved to adjourn the May 15, 2018 meeting seconded by Jamie Huval, unanimously carried.

Attest:

Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

Mayor Pro Tem, Todd Meche

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