

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN
TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2024. AT 6:00
P.M. AT THE ARNAUDVILLE MEETING ROOM, 107 RUE DE JAUSIERS,
ARNAUDVILLE, LA 70512.**

Present—Mayor Todd Meche

Alderman—Kris Brasseaux, Jamie Huval, Debbie Kidder, John Taylor

Absent—Suzanne Stelly

Town Clerk—Dolores R. Quebedeaux

Town Attorney—Kay Theunissen (Absent)

Kolder, Slaven & Co—Burton Kolder, Brad Kolder (CPA's)

Town Engineer—Kenny Boagni (Absent)

Police Chief—Josh Ross (Absent)

Utility Superintendent—Todd Abshire (Absent)

Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson (Absent)

Called to Order—Mayor Meche

Prayer—John Taylor

Pledge—All

Old Business

Approve August 27, 2024, Regular Town Meeting Minutes—Mayor Meche

Jamie Huval moved to approve the August 27, 2024, Regular Town Meeting Minutes seconded by Kris Brasseaux and Debbie Kidder, motion carried.

Approve Budget to Actual/Budget Comparison for August 2024—Mayor Meche

Debbie Kidder moved to accept the Budget to Actual/ Budget for August 2024 seconded by John Taylor and Jamie Huval, motion carried.

Utility Report—Mayor Meche

A report was handed to the Mayor and Board Members prepared by Todd Abshire.

WATER – The water meter change-out program is moving forward. Thus far, approximately 980 meters have been changed with another 60 or so left to be

changed. We look forward to the new meters saving man-hours and offering better answers regarding customer usage using the new technology. The entire water system is scheduled to be flushed 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 as required by law.

WASTEWATER – The #2 blower is Inoperable. A new motor will be installed in the very near future. The sewer plant is currently supplied with air through the #1 blower. The monthly flow records were faxed to HoPak Laboratories to verify flow is in accordance with our discharge permit, as well as all analytical results being examined, reported, and filed in the utility department files.

GAS - A 1” steel gas line scheduled for replacement with a 1” polyethylene line on Oscar Rivette Road. We are awaiting 2 new valves (one for each side of the road). Once the valves arrive, the old steel line will be removed, and the new PE line will be put into service. The gas system is operating at 40 psi of inlet pressure at the Cypress Station and Koch Station.

Police Report—Chief Josh Ross (Absent)

Mayor Meche read a report prepared by Chief Josh Ross.

I would like to first off thank the officers with the Arnaudville Police Department for their assistance and swift response in the preparation of Hurricane Francine. While our area did not sustain any damage, the Officers showed they were more than ready and willing to assist the community when needed by assisting with preparations around the town, assist with loading and delivering sandbags to our seniors, critical businesses, and persons with ailments and disabilities. I would also like to thank the Officers who came out to support the Arnaudville Volunteer Fire Department’s annual black pot cook off.

As of September 20, 2024, Arnaudville Police Department has successfully prepared well over 300 reports, which consist of various calls from town Ordinance violations, traffic, crashes, misdemeanor arrests, and felony arrests.

The Arnaudville Police Department has processed a total of 8 traffic citations in the past 3 weeks, one (1) felony arrest for crimes against a juvenile, two (2)

misdemeanor arrests, and one criminal citation for illegal burning, which resulted in a structure fire within the town limits.

The current state of the department is as follows:

Staffing: We currently staff 5 certified Police Officers, including myself. We are working to fill a vacancy.

Training Update: Every officer employed by the Arnaudville Police Department is current on their POST required training for 2024, and all have exceeded the mandated minimum number of hours, by more than double.

Vehicle Update: The Arnaudville Police Department is made up of four Police SUV's and three Police Sedans, all of which are in working order.

Community Concerns: Hurricane Season is upon us. The Arnaudville Police Department does have a plan to ensure the town is protected and streets are clear, should we experience a Hurricane. We would like to take this time to remind people to test their generators, ensure they have a carbon monoxide detector installed, and be mindful that now is the time to prepare, not the week or day of. Should any citizen require assistance, they can reach out to the Arnaudville Police Department or Arnaudville Fire Department.

Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson

All is going well at the park.

New Business

Open Bids for Police Cars—Mayor Meche

No bids were received for the police cars. It was suggested that the cars be sold to a scrap (Junk yard).

Audit Report—Burton Kolder and Brad Kolder

Brad Kolder went over the schedule of utility income (Loss) per customer for the month for the years ended June 30, 2024, 2023, 2022, and 2021. The town did well.

Burton Kolder went over the Comparison of Total Fund Revenues and Expenditures to Budget Year ended June 30, 2024, with comparative actual amounts for year ended June 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021. The town did well on the audit report. Mayor entertained a motion to accept the audit report, John Taylor and Debbie Kidder moved to accept the audit report seconded by Jamie

Huval, roll call, Jamie Huval, yes, Debbie Kidder, yes, Kris Brasseaux, yes, John Taylor, yes, motion passed.

Suzanne Stelly (Absent).

Adopt Ordinance 05-2024 Police Chief Raise—Mayor Meche

Debbie Kidder moved to adopt Ordinance 05-2024 Police Chief Raise seconded by John Taylor, Roll Call: Jamie Huval, yes, Debbie Kidder, yes, Kris Brasseaux, yes, John Taylor, motion passed.

Suzanne Stelly (Absent).

Adopt Ordinance 04-2024 Sanitation Ordinance—Mayor Meche

John Taylor moved to accept Ordinance 04-2024 Sanitation Ordinance seconded by Jamie Huval, Roll Call: Jamie Huval, yes, Debbie Kidder, yes, Kris Brasseaux, yes, John Taylor, yes, motion passed.

Suzanne Stelly (Absent).

Adopt Ordinance 06-2024 Main Street to West Street to the Bayou (Proposed Roads)—Mayor Meche

Jamie Huval moved to adopt Ordinance 06-2024 Main Street to West Street to the Bayou (Proposed Roads) no one second, motion died.

Debbie Kidder moved put out the roads for bids seconded by Kris Brasseaux, Roll Call: Jamie Huval, no, Debbie Kidder, yes, Kris Brasseaux, yes, John Taylor, yes, motion passed.

Suzanne Stelly (Absent).

Up-Dates—Mayor Meche

Additional monies will be needed to complete the project, anywhere from \$40,000 to \$50,000 out of the 2% set a side account, Jamie Huval moved to accept seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion passed.

Mayor stated that he is waiting on the report from the engineer about the blighted property.

The house next to the bridge is being sold and the house will be torn down.

Citizens' Concerns:

There was a discussion about the proposed and abandoned roads.

Adjourn:

John Taylor moved to adjourn the regular town meeting seconded by Kris Brasseaux, motion carried.

Attest

Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

Todd Meche, Mayor