

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKEN AT A
REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON JUNE 25, 2024, AT 6:00 P. AT THE ARNAUVILLE
MEETING ROOM, 107 RUE DE JAUSIERS, ARNAUVILLE, LA 70512**

Present—Mayor, Todd Meche

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

Absent—Suzanne Stelly

Town Clerk—Dolores R. Quebedeaux

Town Attorney—Kay Theunissen

Town Engineer—Kenny Boagni (Absent)

Police Chief—Josh Ross

Utility Superintendent—Todd Abshire (Absent)

Parks and Recreation Director—Zelma Jackson

Called to Order—Mayor Meche

Prayer—John Taylor

Pledge—All

Old Business

Approve May 28, 2024, Regular Town Meeting Minutes—Mayor Meche

Jamie Huval moved to approve the May 28, 2024, Regular Town Meeting Minutes seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion passed.

Approve Special Meeting Minutes June 17, 2024—Mayor Meche

John Taylor moved to approve the Special Meeting Minutes, seconded by Jamie Huval, motion carried.

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

Jamie Huval moved to accept the Budget to Actual/Budget Comparison for May 2024 seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion carried.

Utility Report—Todd Abshire (Absent)

Mayor stated that he was going to make a request to Louisiana Rural Water to perform a rate study.

The utility department has been relatively quiet, just trying to keep up with the grass cutting and do pick-up from the storm.

Police Report—Chief Josh Ross

The police department ends the month with 14 felony arrests, 6 misdemeanor arrests, 4 OPC's, 19 citations, 3 misdemeanor arrests citations.

The Chief asked the council to entertain a motion to give the dispatchers across the board a \$1.00 a hour raise (Diana Tabor, Ida Lalonde, Skye Varnado and Sable Jolivette). Police

Officers Christian Deville and Parker Blanchard \$1.00 an hour raise, Police Officer Seth Lagrange .50 cents per hour.

Jamie Huval moved to accept the Chief's request seconded by John Taylor, motion carried.

Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson

Ms. Jackson stated that at this time they are keeping up the park. Beau Chene is coming in at the end of next month for their Alumni Tournament. There is also a fall ball coming up. They will try this to see how it works out. Zelma is considering having rules and regulations signed by individuals using the park. She also stated that she has 6 portable toilets that cost \$90.00 per. The Friday night the Alumni will have 2 bands, the portable toilets will be used quite a bit. Zelma suggested having the Alumni pay half of the cost of the portable toilets.

Jamie Huval motioned to up the park rental to \$750.00 seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion carried.

Adopt Ordinance 01-2024. An Ordinance to adopt the Amended Budget for 2023/2024—Mayor Meche

Debbie Kidder motioned to accept Ordinance 01-2024 seconded by Jamie Huval, Roll call: Jamie Huval, yes, Debbie Kidder, yes, Kris Brasseaux, yes, John Taylor, Yes Suzanne Stelly (Absent) motion passed.

Adopt Ordinance 02-2024. An Ordinance to adopt the Budget for 2024/2025—Mayor Meche

Jamie Huval made a motion on the caveat that the cameras are added back into the budget Mayor stated that he would have to amend the Ordinance. Jamie motioned that he was amending for the cameras and adding a \$5000.00 raise for the chief, no second was had, motion died.

Mayor entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance 02-2024. An Ordinance to adopt to budget for 2024/2025

Moved by John Taylor seconded by Debbie Kidder, Roll Call: Jamie Huval, no, Debbie Kidder, yes, Kris Brasseaux, yes, John Taylor, yes, motion passed.

Suzanne Stelly (Absent)

Adopt Resolution 6-2024. A Resolution to adopt the Ad Valorem Millage Rates for General Alimony 5.720 mills and Waterworks 7.000 mills to be levied on all property subjected to taxation by the Town of Arnaudville for the Tax Year—Mayor Meche

Jamie Huval moved to accept the millage rates for the General Alimony 5.720 mills and Waterworks 7.000 mills seconded by John Taylor and Debbie Kidder, Roll Call: Jamie Huval, yes, Debbie Kidder, yes, Kris Brasseaux, yes, John Taylor, yes, Suzanne Stelly (Absent), motion passed.

Road—Maria Mayeux

Maria Mayeux is in the process of selling the Hebert trailer park. Maria stated that there is a town road on the property, she is asking the council to consider abandoning the road.

Jamie Huval motioned to have a Public Hearing to discuss abandoning a portion of Antoine Street at 5:45 P.M. on July 23, 2024, seconded by John Taylor, motion carried.

Up-Dates—Mayor Meche

The town hall is now set up to accept payments online for traffic tickets and utility bills.

Jamie Huval mentioned the Schexnayder blighted property, he commented that the owner was given multiple chances, and nothing has happened.

Jamie Huval motioned to have an inspector write up a letter, submit it to the council to start the process to condemn the property, calling a meeting on July 11, 2024.

Mayor stated that an inspector will have to come in and do a written report, mayor asked the council not to schedule a meeting until the written report is done John Taylor seconded the motion scheduling a meeting later, motion passed.

Citizens' Concerns

Different subjects were discussed.

Adjourn

John Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion passed.

Attest:

Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

Todd Meche, Mayor