

Adopt Resolution 4-22 A Resolution Requesting Financial Assistance from the State of Louisiana under the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Local Government Assistance Program and Community Water Enrichment Fund Program—Mayor Meche

Debbie Kidder, Suzanne Stelly, Jamie Huval moved to accept Resolution 4-22 seconded by Cynthia Stelly, motion passed.

French Proclamation (Proclaiming the Month of March French Language and Heritage Month) --Mayor Meche

Jamie Huval moved to accept the French Proclamation seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion passed.

Everything French—Mavis Fruge

Ms. Fruge explained that a Rotary Organization has started in Arnaudville. The organization meets every 2 weeks at the Arnaudville Meeting Room. Ms. Fruge stated the old Saint Luke Hospital is being cleaned up. She stated that there will be a genealogy program once the building is complete. She is growing brown cotton and will also have a textile area, there will be looms in addition to the French classes. Ms. Mavis stated that March is the French month, the organization was created in 1970.

Can Shake—Angela Everette and Jamie Huval

David Everette stated that he is interim Pastor of New Life Community Church located on the corner of Bagstill and St. Joseph streets. There is a strong youth group involved, every year the children are sent to camp. Can shakes have taken place at different locations in the area, Mr. Everette asked permission to have a can shake here in Arnaudville to defray expenses. Jamie Huval moved to allow the can shake seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion passed.

Up -Dates—Mayor Meche

Kenny Boagni stated the street project will began on March 21, 2022; the project should take a couple of weeks to be completed. Mayor mentioned the Clerk Association Banquet that will be held on April 8, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. and asked the board to give a head count of who will be in attendance.

Mayor reminded everyone not to forget to go out and vote on Saturday, March 26, 2022.

Citizens Concerns'

Adjourn

Jamie Huval moved to adjourn the March 2022 meeting seconded by Debbie Kidder and Cynthia Stelly, motion passed.

Attest:

Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

Todd Meche, Mayor

POST certified and will have to start fresh. The police department is still accepting applications with the hope of getting a qualified candidate within the near future.

The police department has four, Patrol Officers, on the roster. One is currently in the St. Martin POST Academy while the other three are working patrol. Chief brought forth and recommended to the Council an eligible applicant Blake Aleman for hiring. Mr. Aleman does have some experience with law enforcement, has satisfied the agency with passing the psychological examination and approval by RMI for insurance coverage. The hiring of Mr. Aleman will put the police department at five officers and the department would be fully staffed.

In the meantime, chief adjusted the officer's work schedule with some assistance from the St. Landry Sheriff's Office filling in to help so he does not burn out the officers and to give Sergeant Legrand time off. The two new officers will be working the night shift and some overtime to cover school traffic. Sergeant Legrand will still be scheduled to work from 9 A.M. until 9 P.M., with Officer Deville relieve him on Sunday's when needed.

Should the Council approve and hire another Patrol officer (Blake Aleman), they would not need to limit the use of the St. Landry Sheriff's for a few months until he sends other officers to the POST Academy in the future.

The two older patrol units (2009 Nissan Sedan, unit A-3, and 2007 Chevrolet Sedan, unit A-4, will be available for auction for the near future; however, all police equipment (lights, sirens, and decals) will need to be removed. Once these items are taken off, they will be released for sale.

Statistics for the Arnaudville Police Department for the month of February 2022 were: 2 Citations, 8 FIC's, 5 MIC's, 2 Accidents, 3 Assists calls, 16 RTF's, and 51 calls for service. Chief pointed out that during the month, approximately 50% of the time worked by the officers was spent on routine patrol and taking complaint calls for the town. Also, note that approximately five days during the month were patrolled by the St. Landry Sheriff's office where their statistics are not included in the above report. Jamie Huval moved to accept the hiring of Blake Aleman at the approved pay rate (\$13.08 per hour) seconded by Cynthia Stelly, motion passed.

Jamie Huval motioned to allow the mayor to get rid of the old equipment when it is time to do so seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion passed. Mayor stated that this would be advertised, and bids will be accepted, and the bids will be opened at a regular meeting.

Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson (Absent)

Registration for softball has taken place, a jamboree will take place on April 2, 2022.

Adopt Resolution 2-22-A Resolution Approving the Appointment of a Director and an Alternate to Represent the Town of Arnaudville, State of Louisiana, on the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Municipal Natural Gas Purchasing and Distribution Authority—Mayor Meche

Whereas, pursuant to Section 4546.2 of the Act, the governing authority of the Town of Arnaudville, State of Louisiana, desires to approve the appointment of Todd Meche to serve as the Director of the Authority and to approve the appointment of Dolores R. Quebedeaux to serve as an alternate Director to act in the absence of the director.

Cynthia Stelly moved to adopt Resolution 2-22 seconded by Debbie Kidder and Jamie Huval, motion passed.

Adopt Resolution 3-22 Arnaudville Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Program—Mayor Meche

Debbie Kidder moved to adopt Resolution 3-22 seconded by Jamie Huval motion passed.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKEN AT A REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON MARCH 15, 2022, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE ARNAUDVILLE MEETING ROOM, 107 RUE DE JAUSIERS, ARNAUDVILLE, LA 70512

Present—Mayor, Todd Meche

Aldermen—Jamie Huval, Debbie Kidder, Cynthia Stelly, Suzanne Stelly

Absent—Kevin Robin

Town Clerk—Dolores R. Quebedeaux

Town Attorney—Kay Theunissen

Town Engineer—Kenny Boagni

Police Chief—Eddy LeCompte (Absent)

Utility Superintendent—Todd Abshire (Absent)

Parks and Recreation Director—Zelma Jackson (Absent)

Called to Order—Mayor Meche

Prayer—Suzanne Stelly

Pledge—All

French Pledge—Ms. Mavis Fruge

Debbie Kidder motioned to amend the agenda to add French Proclamation seconded by Jamie Huval, motion passed.

Accept February 15, 2022, Public Hearing Minutes—Mayor Meche

Jamie Huval moved to accept the February 15, 2022, Public Hearing Minutes seconded by Suzanne Stelly and Cynthia Stelly, motion passed.

Accept February 15, 2022, Regular Town Meeting Minutes—Mayor Meche

Jamie Huval motioned to accept the February 15, 2022, Regular Town Meeting Minutes seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion passed.

Accept February 2022 Expenses—Mayor Meche

Jamie Huval motioned to accept the February 2022 Expenses seconded by Debbie Kidder and Suzanne Stelly, motion carried.

Utility Report—Todd Abshire (Absent)

Mayor Meche explained that the SBR is working at the sewer plant, they are still waiting on the bar screen. The excavator is still at the shop waiting on a hose repair. Street patching should start soon.

Police Report—Chief Eddy LeCompte (Absent)

Sergeant Toby Legrand presented Chief LeCompte's report.

Patrol Officer Christian Deville is in her ninth week of the POST Academy being held by the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office. She is scheduled to Graduate on Wednesday, April 20, 2022. She is doing very well and stated that she is still learning a lot and is eager to graduate.

The department continues their efforts to hire another Patrol Officer, preferably one that is POST certified. They have applicants still coming in but all the applications coming in are people that are not