

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKEN AT A REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON MARCH 21, 2017 AT THE ARNAUDVILLE MEETING ROOM LOCATED AT 107 RUE DE JAUSIERS, ARNAUDVILLE, LA.

Present: Mayor Kathy M. Richard

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

Town Clerk: Dolores R. Quebedeaux

Town Attorney: Katie Ryan

Town Engineer: Kenny Boagni

Police Chief: Eddy LeCompte

Utility Superintendent: Todd Abshire (Absent)

Parks and Recreation Director: Zelma Jackson (Absent)

Called to Order: Mayor Richard

Prayer: Suzanne Stelly

Pledge: All

Accept February 21, 2017 Regular Town Meeting Minutes—Mayor

Todd Meche moved to accept the February 21, 2017 Regular Town Meeting Minutes seconded by Suzanne Stelly, unanimously carried.

Accept February 2017 Expenses—Mayor

Louis Stelly, Jr., moved to accept the February 2017 Expenses seconded by Jamie Huval, unanimously carried.

Utility Report—Todd Abshire (Absent)

Police Report—Chief Eddy LeCompte

Chief LeCompte explained that it is his intent of the Police Department to turn Olive Street into a one way street from Pine Street to Guidroz Street running South/North during the Etouffee Festival. With the making of Front Street, from Guidroz Street to Union Street, a one way running North/South this will result in the creation of a circle around the festival grounds.

On Thursday, April 13, 2017 the Arnaudville Police Department will be hosting another Neighborhood Watch meeting. Some refreshments along with coffee and snacks will be served as well as door prizes will be given. All residents of the 70512 area zip code are invited to attend.

Chief asked the Council to approve the hiring of Mr. Grant Durio to the position of Dispatcher at a pay rate of \$8.56 per hour on condition of his passing the physical exam and the drug screen. Once Mr. Durio has completed training it will be his intent to promote Dispatcher Amber Richard to the position of Patrol Officer to fill the vacancy created with the loss of Patrol Officer Zach Williams.

Statistics from the Department for the month of February were: 50 Citations issued 20 FIC's, 50 MIC's written, 5 arrests and 145 calls for service.

Employee of the Month is Jason Howell.

Jamie Huval moved to accept the hiring of Grant Durio at \$8.56 per hour seconded by Todd Meche and Suzanne Stelly, unanimously carried.

Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson (Absent)

Adopt Millage Rate for 2017 General Alimony 5.72 Water Work 7.00—Mayor

Annette Bramlett moved to accept the millage rates at 5.72 for General Alimony and Water Work at 7.00 seconded by Louis Stelly, Jr., Roll Call: Annette Guidry, yea, Todd Meche, yea, Jamie Huval, yea, Louis Stelly, Jr., yea, Suzanne Stelly, yea.

Address the Mayor and Council—Alvin Stelly

Mr. Alvin Stelly apologized to the Mayor and the Council on what he said at the last month's meeting. Mr. Alvin said that he has respect for the Mayor and the Council. Mayor thanked Mr. Stelly for coming to the meeting.

Blighted Property—Katie Ryan

Katie Ryan explained different avenues on taking care of blighted properties. There are abandoned cars on Custom House Street that caused concern to some of the citizens. A letter was sent to the Mayor and Aldermen in February showing the proper procedure for removal of the abandoned vehicles.

Jamie Huval produced a list of the blighted property addresses. Mayor Richard asked Chief if they could go and speak to a certain individual about a certain parcel of land. Chief stated that he would have a Sheriff Deputy assist him on this matter.

Jamie Huval stated that there is a half torn down house on St. Joseph St., this would need to be seen about also. Properties near Farmers and Merchants Bank also need to be seen about.

Executive Session (Water Tower)—Katie Ryan

Todd Meche moved to enter into Executive Session seconded by Jamie Huval, unanimously carried.

Todd Meche moved to re-enter into the Regular Town Meeting seconded by Suzanne Stelly and Annette Guidry, unanimously carried.

Citizens' Concerns—Mayor

Adjourn

Todd Meche moved to adjourn the Regular Town Meeting seconded by Annette Guidry, unanimously carried.

Attest:

Town Clerk, Dolores R. Quebedeaux

Mayor, Kathy M. Richard

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