

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN TAKEN AT A REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE ARNAUDVILLE MEETING ROOM, 107 RUE DE JAUSIERS, ARNAUDVILLE, LA 70512

Present—Mayor, Todd Meche

Aldermen—Kris Brasseaux, Jamie Huval, Suzanne Stelly

Absent—Debbie Kidder, John Taylor

Town Clerk—Dolores R. Quebedeaux (Absent)

Town Attorney—Kay Theunissen (Absent)

Town Engineer—Kenny Boagni (Absent)

Police Chief—Josh Ross

Utility Superintendent—Todd Abshire (Absent)

Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson (Absent)

Called to Order—Mayor Meche

Prayer—Suzanne Stelly

Pledge—All

Old Business

Approve January 23, 2004, Regular Town Meeting Minutes—Mayor Meche

Jamie Huval motioned to accept the January 23, 2004, Regular Town Meeting Minutes seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion passed.

Approve February 15, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes—Mayor Meche

Jamie Huval motioned to accept the February 15, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion passed.

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

Jamie Huval motioned to approve the January 2024 Budget to Actual/Comparison for January 2024 seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion passed.

Utility Report—Todd Abshire (Absent)

Everything is running smoothly in the utility department.

Police Report—Chief Josh Ross

As of February 20, 2024, the Arnaudville Police Department responded or self-initiated over 350 calls to service, since the beginning of the year, including a few assistance calls for other agencies including both Sheriff's Offices and the Louisiana State Police.

The Arnaudville Police Department have had over 155 encounters with members of the public since the beginning of the month. The average response time has been less than 4 minutes, and the average time spent on a call is around 20 minutes.

This Month the Arnaudville Police Department has executed several warrants within the town limits, including 1 Narcotics search warrant, 2 probation warrants, and 4 arrests warrants. The Arnaudville Police Department has processed (3) arrests, including one (1) at Tiger Touchdown for selling Tobacco to a minor. The Arnaudville Police Department has also issued eight (8) criminal misdemeanor citations, and Sixty-Five (65) traffic citations.

The current state of the department is as follows:

Investigations: N/A

Staffing: We are in the process of conducting interviews to fill a potential vacancy. The goal is to have this position filled, as one of the officers begins to out-process, thus staying fully staffed and ahead of any curve balls.

Training Update: Three (3) Officers will attend training this coming April, making it the first time the Arnaudville Police Department has had a certified Homicide Investigator employed.

Vehicle Update: N/A

Community Concerns: The 37th Annual Etouffee Festival is rapidly approaching. The Arnaudville Police Department does have a plan in place to ensure 24/7 protection of the town, as well as protection at the event. Golf Cart Passes for the festival will be issued beginning March 15.

Requests:

1. I know its early, however, I would also like to ask the council to approve the closures of Pine Street, the section that runs from Main to Front, approval to turn Front Street into a one-way, funneling from Fuselier to Guidroz, and the 200-300 block of Main Street (From the Little Flower to before Butches), where the festival will take place April 26-April 28, 2024, beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the festival, and ending one (1) hour after the festival closes.

Jamie moved to allow the closing of the roads for the festival seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion passed.

Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson (Absent)

Baseball is fixing to start up, not much going on currently.

New Business

Open Bids (Abandoned Streets)—Mayor Meche

One sealed bid was turned in, for tract one (1) and tract two (2) in the amount of \$1250.00 from Adam Olivier. Jamie Huval moved to accept the bid in the amount of \$1250.00 seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion passed.

Up-Dates—Mayor Meche

The sale of the library and property is complete, the payment was received, and the attorney will finalize all the paperwork, once the paperwork is registered at the courthouse, the attorney will send the copies to the buyer and the town.

A Credit Card machine is being looked at to install at City Hall for traffic tickets, utility bills, etc.

Citizens' Concerns

Adjourn

Jamie Huval moved to adjourn the February 27, 2024, meeting seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion passed.

Attest:

Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

Todd Meche, Mayor