

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

Present—Mayor Todd Meche

Aldermen—Kevin Robin, Cynthia Stelly, Suzanne Stelly

Absent—Jamie Huval, Debbie Kidder

Town Clerk—Dolores R. Quebedeaux (Absent)

Town Attorney—Kay Theunissen

Town Engineer—Kenny Boagni

Police Chief—Eddy LeCompte (Absent)

Utility Superintendent—Todd Abshire (Absent)

Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson (Absent)

Called to Order—Mayor Meche

Prayer—Suzanne Stelly

Pledge—All

Accept October 18, 2022, Regular Town Meeting Minutes—Mayor Meche

Suzanne Stelly moved to accept the October 18, 2022, regular town meeting minutes seconded by Kevin Robin, motion passed.

Accept Budget to Actual/Budget Comparison for October 2022—Mayor Meche

Kevin Robin moved to accept the Actual/Budget Comparison for October 2022 seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion passed.

Utility Report—Mayor Meche

A report prepared by Todd Abshire was presented to the board.

WATER— The entire water system will be flushed during the month of October.

The fire department completed their annual fire hydrant flush/inspection last week and the distribution needs to be flushed. The monthly Safe Drinking Water Act daily chlorine residual logs were verified by Todd Abshire and are on file in the utility office filing cabinet as required by law.

WASTEWATER— The 6” sewer line in front of the Little Big Cup has been repaired. The digester aerator motor and bar screen rake at the sewer treatment plant have been repaired/replaced. St. Landry Street lift station pump has been replaced. The monthly flow records were faxed to HoPak Laboratories to verify flow in accordance with our discharge permit, as well as all analytical results being examined, reported, and filed in the appropriate filing cabinet in the utility departments files.

GAS – The town’s uprating plan (plan put in place to maintain our maximum operating pressure) has been complete and approved by Pipeline Safety. The gas system is operating near 40 pounds of inlet pressure at the Cypress Station and 40 psi at the Koch Station. Cynthia Stelly motioned to accept the Utility Report seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion passed.

Police Report—Chief Eddy LeCompte (Absent)

Toby LeGrand read the chief’s report. We are happy to inform you that presently we are still at capacity with police officers. We are still accepting applications with the hope of getting qualified candidates and having them on file, in case we lose officers in the future.

We currently have five patrol officers on the roster. We now have one officer (Officer Parker Blanchard) working night shifts with Sergeant LeGrand working nights Wednesday and Thursday to give officer Blanchard time off. We now have one officer (Officer Deville) working day shifts and Sergeant LeGrand working Monday and Tuesday to give Officer Deville time off. The two officers attending the Academy Officer Blake Aleman and Jacoby Briscoe are doing great.

The St. Landry Sheriff’s Office worked three days this month and I want to note that the calls they took in that period will not reflect on the statistics below. They report their incidents to the Sheriff’s Office database.

Statistics for the Arnaudville Police Department for October 2022 were: 0 Arrests, 7 Citations, 12 FIC’s, 18 MIC’s, 8 Accidents, 5 Assist calls, 86 calls for service. I would like to point out that during the month, more than 50% of the time worked by our Officers was spent on routine patrol and taking complaint calls for the town. Kevin Robin moved to accept the police report seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion passed.

Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson (Absent)

Mayor explained that there is not much going on at the park at this time.

Mayor Meche went back to the utility department, a price was given for the gas project on Rue De Laporte, Bihm Construction was the low bidder on the project, \$37,780.50. On the corner of Magnolia Street there is a cut-off valve that cuts off the 4” gas line that goes down Robin Street and crosses the bayou, pipeline safety requires that the town, cut off the line, separate the line. The line on Robin Street needs to be abandoned. \$32,000 was added to the budget, doing both comes out to \$37,780.50, Mayor asked the council to approve the low bidder Bihm Construction.

Kevin Robin moved to accept the low bidder seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion passed.

Up-Dates—Mayor Meche

Employee Christmas Party is December 10, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. at the Community Center.

Judge Jason Meche will do the swearing in on December 29, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.

The Nativity Scene ceremony will be November 19, 2022, 7:00 P.M. The Knights of Columbus donated the Nativity Scene to the trust, Jamie Huval asked to use the town chairs and the podium for that occasion.

Suzanne Stelly moved to allow Jamie Huval to use the chairs and podium seconded by Kevin Robin, motion passed.

Mayor asked the council to think about what should be done with the Library Building, mayor explained that the ramp and porch is rotting.

Mayor congratulated everyone who won their election.

Citizens' Concerns

Toby LeGrand stated that they re-ordered the new police car.

Adjournment

Kevin Robin moved to adjourn the November 15, 2022, meeting seconded by Cynthia Stelly, motion passed.

Attest:

Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

Todd Meche, Mayor