

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN TAKEN AT  
A REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON APRIL 19, 2022, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE  
ARNAUDVILLE MEETING ROOM, 107 RUE DE JAUSIERS, ARNAUDVILLE,  
LOUISIANA 70512**

**Present:** Mayor, Todd Meche

**Aldermen:** Jamie Huval, Debbie Kidder, Cynthia Stelly, Suzanne Stelly

**Absent:** Cynthia Stelly

**Town Clerk:** Dolores R. Quebedeaux

**Town Attorney:** Kay Theunissen

**Town Engineer:** Kenny Boagni (Absent)

**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

Old Business

**Approve March 15, 2022, Regular Town Meeting Minutes—Mayor Meche**

Jamie Huval moved to accept the March 15, 2022, regular town meeting minutes seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion passed.

**Approve March 2022 Expenses—Mayor Meche**

Kevin Robin moved to accept the March 2022 expenses seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion passed.

**Utility Report—Todd Abshire (Absent)**

Mayor Meche explained that the road project is completed, there is some patching that will have to be seen about. Everything else is running smoothly.

**Police Report—Chief Eddy LeCompte (Absent)**

Toby Legrand read the chief's report.

I want to inform the Council, that it is the intent of the Police Department, to turn Olive St. into a one-way street from Pine St. to Guidroz St., running south/north during the Etouffee Festival (April 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022). Also, the making

of Front St., from Guidroz St. to Union St., a one-way running north/south. Will result in the creation of a circle around the festival grounds.

Patrol officer Christian Deville is graduating from the POST Academy on Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, being held by the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office. I'm requesting that Officer Deville's pay be adjusted from \$14.01 hourly rate Grade 2 Step 33 to POST-Patrol Officer pay to \$15.07 hourly rate Grade 3 Step 5 effective April 21, 2022.

I regret to inform the Council that Officer Parker Blanchard has given his two weeks' notice and his last day will be April 26, 2022.

We continue our efforts to hire another Patrol Officer, preferably one that is POST certified. We have applicants still coming in but all the applications coming in from people that or not POST and will have to start fresh. We are still accepting applications with the hope of getting a qualified candidate within the near future. We currently have five (5), Patrol Officers, on the roster. One (1) is currently in the St. Martin POST Academy while the other four (4) are working on patrol, until Officer Blanchard's final day as explained above.

We now have two (2) officers (Officer Briscoe and Blanchard) working the night shifts. Sergeant Legrand and Officer Aleman working day shifts until Officer Deville finished the POST Academy. This will change once Office Blanchard's departure from the department and Officer Deville returns to duty. The St. Landry Sheriff's Office worked during the F.T.O process was completed with Officer Aleman.

I and Sgt. Legrand are aware of the Council requesting a short- and long-term budget assessment. I was down and out with COVID while I was starting the process. I will be focused this month, completing the requested budget for 2022-2023, and getting the copy to the Council. It will include Officer and Dispatcher raises, and any capital expenses for the Police Department.

The two (2) older patrol units (2009 Nissan Sedan, unit A-3, and 2007 Chevrolet Sedan, unit A-4) will be available for auction soon; 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 from our Department for the month of March 2022 were: 1 Arrest, 7 Citations, 11 FIC's, 12 MIC's, 8 accidents, 0 Assist calls, 23 RTF's, and 76 calls of

service. I would also like to point out that during the month, approximately 50% of the time worked by our officers was spent on routine patrol and taking complaint calls of our town. Also, note that approximately three (3) days during the month were patrolled by the St. Landry Sheriff's Office where their statistics are not included in the above since they report their information directly to the Sheriff's Office.

**Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson (Absent)**

Baseball program has started. A fund raiser will be held in the park for the Beta Club.

New Business

**Adopt Millage rate(s) for 2022 General Alimony 5.72 and Water Works 7.00—  
Mayor Meche**

Mayor Meche read Resolution 5-22 in its entirety.

A Resolution to Adopt the Ad Valorem Millage Rates for General Alimony and Waterworks to be Levied on all Property Subjected to Taxation by the Town of Arnaudville for Tax year 2022.

Jamie Huval motioned to adopt Resolution 5-22 seconded by Debbie Kidder, a roll call vote was taken, Kevin Robin, Yea, Jamie Huval, yea, Debbie Kidder, yea, Suzanne Stelly, yea.

Absent: Cynthia Stelly

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

**Etouffee Festival—Debbie Kidder**

This was discussed in the police report.

**Up-Dates—Mayor Meche**

Mayor Meche reminded everyone about the Mayor's Cook-Off for the Etouffee Festival.

**Adjourn**

Jamie Huval moved to adjourn the April 19, 2022, meeting seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion passed.

**Attest:**

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Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

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Todd Meche, Mayor