

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKEN AT A REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE ARNAUVILLE MEETING ROOM, 271 GUIDROZ STREET, ARNAUVILLE, LA 70512

Present—Mayor, Kathy M. Richard

Aldermen—Annette Guidry, Jamie Huval, Todd Meche, Louis Stelly, Jr., Suzanne Stelly

Absent—Annette Guidry

Town Clerk—Dolores R. Quebedeaux

Town Attorney—Katie Ryan

Engineer—Kenny Boagni (Absent)

Police Chief—Eddy LeCompte

Utility Superintendent—Todd Abshire (Absent)

Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson (Absent)

LaMats—Cliff Palmer and Connor Nichols (Pay Star)

Called to Order—Mayor, Kathy M. Richard

Prayer—Suzanne Stelly

Pledge—All

Accept January 23, 2018 Regular Town Meeting Minutes—Mayor

Motion was made by Louis Stelly Jr., to accept the January 23, 2018 Regular Town Meeting Minutes seconded by Todd Meche, unanimously carried.

Accept January 10, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes—Mayor

Motion was made by Louis Stelly, Jr., to accept the January 10, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes seconded by Todd Meche, unanimously carried.

Accept the January 2018 Expenses—Mayor

Jamie Huval moved to accept the January 2018 Expenses seconded by Louis Stelly, Jr., unanimously carried.

Utility Report—Todd Abshire (Absent)

Utility Reports prepared by Todd Abshire were given to the Mayor and the Board Members.

Todd Meche inquired about Guidry's Fresh Cuts; Mayor stated that Kenny and Todd Abshire are working on this project.

Police Report—Eddy LeCompte

As the Council has been informed in the past, each Patrol Officer must complete twenty hours of in service training during a calendar year to maintain their POST certification. Although some training is provided by POST Council online, most of the training is done outside the department either in classrooms or in the field.

With the Etouffee Festival just two months away the Department has been reviewing how well the movement of vehicles proceeded when a "One Way " circle for traffic was implemented around the cemetery and festival area. Unless there is negative feedback, the intentions are to replicate what was done last year.

Chief petitioned the Council to accept Patrol Officer Amber Arnaud's being placed on unpaid Administrative Leave effective January 31, 2018.

Newly hired Patrol Officer John Billiot resigned from the Arnaudville Police Department effective Saturday, February 10, 2018. He petitions the Council to confirm his resignation.

One of the Dispatchers requested the opportunity to attend the Police Academy. Since the resignation of John Billiot chief will be conducting a search to fill the position that he vacated as well as one that opened up with the unpaid annual leave of Patrol Officer Arnaud. Further, he will also be taking

applications to fill the Dispatcher position that will be vacated when Dispatcher Kirsten McBay is transferred to a Patrol Officer's position.

On Saturday and Sunday, March 17 and 18, 2018, firearm training and qualification will be conducted by Leonville Chief Noel for the department's two provisional Patrol Officers. It is critical that he address the Department's manpower needs as quickly as possible since they are currently operating at two thirds of their strength.

Another Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at the Arnaudville Civic Center. Everyone is invited who lives in the 70512 zip code.

Statistics for the Arnaudville Police Department for the month of January 2018 were: 65 Citations, 47 FIC's, 89 MIC's 10 arrests and 205 calls for service. Employee of the month for February 2018 is George Higgins.

Jamie Huval motioned to accept the resignation of John Billiot effective February 10,2018, seconded by Todd Meche, unanimously carried. Katie Ryan stated that she would like to have a resignation letter from both employees and would prefer to do this in Executive Session. Todd Meche moved to table the request of the attorney seconded by Jamie Huval, unanimously carried.

St. Martin Acting Parish President—Chester Cedars

Mr. Cedars explained that Parish President Guy Cormier long time president resigned, the board got together and appointed him as Acting Parish President. He will be the Acting President until a Special Election is held on November or December to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Cormier. Mr. Cedars has been practicing law since 1976 and represented many public bodies. Mr. Cedars represented, St. Martin Parish, St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office, the City of Breaux Bridge just to name a few. He is familiar with the needs of local government. Parish Governments must go out of their way to work with Municipalities, the only way to get things done is through cooperative efforts. Mr. Cedars stated that the St. Martin Parish Government stands willing to help the town in any way that he can.

Recreational Park (Executive Session)—Mayor

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

Jamie Huval moved to enter into the Regular Town Meeting seconded by Todd Meche, unanimously carried.

LaMats—Cliff Palmer and Connor Nichols

Cliff Palmer thanked the Mayor and the Board members for allowing him to explain the services LaMats offers for online payments. Cliff's colleague Connor Nichols provided the Mayor and Board members with a program to help better understand this product. The Payment Processing is Pay Star. The service is an online and in person credit/debit card processing solution. There is no charge to the Municipality, there is no cancellation fee.

Jamie Huval motioned to accept Pay Star seconded by Todd Meche, unanimously carried.

Citizens' Concerns

Sympathies to all who lost loved ones. March 6, 2018 a workshop for the Town Ordinances, 6:00 P.M. March 12, 2018 Chamber Banquet, March 24, 2018 VFW Hopping with the Bunny, Ages 2-5 and 6-10, 8:30 AM to 9 AM Registration, 9 AM to 10 AM Easter Story Telling, 10 AM to 11 AM Coloring Activities, 11 AM to 12 Noon hot dogs with chips, 12 to 1:00 PM Eater Egg Hunt with prizes, sponsored by the Arnaudville VFW and the Town Of Arnaudville.

Adjourn

Todd Meche moved to adjourn the Regular Town Meeting seconded by Jamie Huval, unanimously carried.

Attest

Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

Kathy M. Richard, Mayor

