

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKEN AT A REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 27, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE ARNAUDVILLE MEETING ROOM, 107 RUE DE JAUSIERS, ARNAUDVILLE, LA 70512**

**Present**—Mayor Todd Meche

**Aldermen**—Jamie Huval, Debbie Kidder, Suzanne Stelly, John Taylor

**Absent**—Kevin Robin

**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, Todd Meche

**Prayer**—Suzanne Stelly

**Pledge**—All

**Old Business**

**Approve Regular Town Minutes for November 2023**—Mayor Meche

Debbie Kidder moved to approve the November 2023 Regular Town Minutes seconded by Jamie Huval motion passed.

**Approve Budget to Actual/Budget Comparison for October and November 2023**—Mayor Meche

Debbie Kidder moved to accept the Actual/Budget Comparison for October and November 2023 seconded by Jamie Huval motion passed.

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

Mayor Meche stated that all is well in the Utility Department. The Utility Department has started moving things into the Fire Station.

**Police Report**—Chief Josh Ross

As of December 27, 2023, the Arnaudville Police Department is approaching nearly 1000 calls to service, since the beginning of the year, including several calls to assist other agencies like St. Landry, St. Martin, and Louisiana State Police.

The month's analytic report shows what the Arnaudville Police Department has done since the beginning of the month, this shows we have had over 255 encounters with members of the public since the beginning of the month. The average response time has been less than 5 minutes, and the average time spent on a call is around 20 minutes.

This month, the Arnaudville Police Department has arrested Four (4) individuals, for felony level crimes, and one (1) person for violation of a protective order, and one (1) person for a large quantity of Narcotics and a gun. The Officers of the Arnaudville Police Department have also written over fifty-one (51) citations, with 13 of them being criminal violations this month. The Arnaudville Police Department has executed one (1) Narcotics search warrant, and another is planned soon.

The Current State of the department is as follows:

Investigations: The Arnaudville Police Department is continuing to work on the ATM which was broken into at Myran's. We successfully recovered the stolen vehicle, which was used in the commission of the crime. We are currently awaiting fingerprint analysis from the Lafayette Police Crime Scene Unit.

Staffing: We are currently fully staffed. One Officer will be resigning effective January 1, 2024. Her departure will not affect the quality of Policing offered to the citizens of Arnaudville, as she has accepted another position which pays over \$4.00 more an hour.

Training Update: Nothing New.

Vehicle Update: No issues currently.

Community Concerns: We would like to remind members of the public, pursuant to Town Ordinances 07-2023-01, the fireworks ban is lifted on December 31, 2023, and January 1, 2024, from the hours of 6:00 PM until 10:00 PM.

With the new year's holiday approaching, we are currently staffing to meet the needs of the public. We would encourage anyone who sees anything suspicious, (including people, vehicles, etc.,) to contact us immediately, so an officer can respond.

Request: N/A.

Mayor thanked the Chief and his staff for a job well done.

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

All is going well at the park, not much activity for this time of the year.

**Leash Law**—Janell Hebert (Absent)

**Up-Dates**—Mayor Meche

Mayor stated that Kenny will be advertising for bids on the automatic water meters for this fiscal year.

Curtis Janice resigned his position in the utility department. Gwen Martin was hired in the front office as a part-time employee.

**Adjourn**

John Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Jamie Huval, motion passed.

**Attest:**

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Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

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Todd Meche, Mayor