

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKEN AT A REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 23, 2024, 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, John Taylor

Absent—Kevin Robin, Suzanne Stelly

Town Clerk—Dolores R. Quebedeaux (Absent)

Town Attorney—Kay Theunissen

Town Engineer—Kenny Boagni (Absent)

Police Chief—Josh Ross (Absent)

Utility Superintendent—Todd Abshir (Absent)

Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson (Absent)

Called to Order—Mayor Meche

Prayer—John Taylor

Pledge—All

Old Business

Approve December 27, 2023, Regular Town Meeting Minutes—Mayor Meche

Jamie Huval moved to accept the December 27, 2023, Regular Town Meeting Minutes seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion passed.

Approve Budget to Actual/Budget Comparison for December 2023—Mayor Meche

Debbie Kidder moved to accept the Actual/Budget Comparison for December 2023 seconded by Jamie Huval, motion passed.

Utility Report—Todd Abshire (Absent)

Mayor Meche presented the utility report.

Police Report—Josh Ross (Absent)

Jamie Huval read the police report. As of January 23, 2024, the Arnaudville Police Department responded or self-initiated over 100 calls to service, since the beginning of the year, including a few assistances calls for other agencies.

This month's analytic report shows what the Arnaudville Police Department has done since the beginning of the month. This shows we have had over 155 encounters with members of the public since the beginning of the month. The average response time has been less than 3 minutes, and the average time spent on a call is around 18 minutes.

This month the Arnaudville Police Department has arrested Four (4) individuals for felony level crimes, and another two (2) on misdemeanors. The Officers of the Arnaudville Police Department have also written over thirty-seven (37) citations, with five (5) of them being criminal violations this month, and one search warrant was conducted at Tiger Touchdown #6 formally known as Butches. An administrative hearing to suspend or revoke the liquor and tobacco license of the store is currently pending, and more information will follow next month.

The current state of the department is as follows:

Investigations: We are currently working with other agencies, as close in on the suspects of several ATM thefts in the area.

Staffing: We are currently fully staffed, however we are currently interviewing several applicants, as two (2) officers are currently exploring offers with another agency, paying \$20.50 an hour to start.

Training Update: Nothing new.

Vehicle Update: N/A

Community Concerns: N/A

Requests:

1. At this time, I would ask this council to entertain the promotion of Officer LaGrange to the rank of Sergeant, effective next pay period, which begins on January 27, 2024, at a pay rate of \$16.50 per hour, still operating within the approved budget.

Jamie Huval moved to promote Seth LaGrange to Sergeant at \$16.50 per hour seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion passed.

Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson (Absent)

All is well at the park.

Up-Dates—Mayor Meche

Mayor Meche explained that the streets that are for sale are being advertised in the newspaper.

Blighted property was also discussed.

Citizens' Concerns

Adjourn

The motion was made by Jamie Huval to adjourn the Jan. 23, 2024, Regular Town Meeting seconded by John Taylor motion passed.

Attest:

Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

Todd Meche, Mayor