

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS TAKEN OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN AT A REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON JULY 25, 2023, AT THE ARNAUDVILLE MEETING ROOM, 107 RUE DE JAUSIERS, ARNAUDVILLE, LA 70512.**

**Mayor**—Todd Meche

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

**Town Clerk**—Dolores R. Quebedeaux

**Town Attorney**—Kay Theunissen

**Town Engineer**—Kenny Boagni

**Police Chief**—Josh Ross

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

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

**Call to Order**—Mayor Meche

**Prayer**—Suzanne Stelly

**Pledge**—All

**Old Business**

**Approve June 27, 2023, Public Hearing Minutes (Budget)**—Mayor Meche

Kevin Robin moved to accept the June 27, 2023, Public Hearing Minutes seconded by Jamie Huval, motion passed.

**Approve June 27, 2023, Regular Town Meeting Minutes**—Mayor Meche

Jamie Huval motioned to accept the June 27, 2023, Regular Town Meeting Minutes, seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion passed.

**Approve Budget to Actual/Budget Comparison for June 2023**—Mayor Meche

Kevin Robin moved to accept the Budget to Actual/Budget Comparison for June 2023, seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion passed.

**Utility Report**—Todd Abshire

Mayor Meche explained that all is going well in the utility department, two main valves at the water tower were replaced.

Mayor asked for a motion to allow Kenny Boagni to get bids for the street project, motion was made by Jamie Huval and Kevin Robin to allow Kenny to advertise for bids seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion passed.

**Police Report**—Chief Josh Ross

As of July 25, 2023, the Arnaudville Police Department has responded to 361 calls of service, since the beginning of the year, including several calls to assist other agencies like St. Landry and St. Martin Parishes.

This month, the Arnaudville Police Department has arrested Six (6) people for various felony charges, including Domestic Abuse Battery, Burglary, and Aggravated Assault with a firearm. The Arnaudville Police Department has also issued several misdemeanor citations for violations such as Theft, Possession of Paraphernalia, and Trespassing. The Officers of the Arnaudville Police Department have also written over sixty (60) traffic citations, with a majority being written in residential neighborhoods.

The current state of the department is as follows:

**Investigations:** N/A

**Staffing:** Currently the Arnaudville Police Department is staffed with the following: one (1) Chief of Police, one (1) Police Sergeant, four (4) Police Patrol Officers, and one (1) Police Canine, thus there are no vacancies currently. Tomorrow I will be attending the St. Landry Parish Crimestoppers 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Banquet, where Sable will be honored as the Dispatcher of the Year, an award someone can only receive once in their entire career.

**Training Update:** The Arnaudville Police Department Officers are continuing to complete monthly training as required by the department. This month officers will complete crime scene and processing training with the Lafayette Metro Forensics team. This training will cover DNA swabbing, Fingerprinting, securing a Crime scene, issuing warrants, and plethora of other topics. We also have one (1) officer scheduled to attend American Red Cross CPA, AED, and First Aid instructors' school in Baton Rouge next week. Officer Jarred Mouton will also begin his training at the St. Marting Parish Sheriff's Office Training Academy starting August 6, 2023 and is scheduled to complete POST in mid-November.

**Vehicle Update:** Currently, I have two (2) vehicles in the shop, both the Chevy Tahoe and the Ford Explorer are having electrical issues. We are awaiting an estimate to determine if they are worth investing in. The Police Department is also in the process of having the last of three (3) vehicles declared, and they should be completed by the end of the week.

**General Information:**

I would like to also thank the citizens for their cooperation and willingness to assist all Police Officers from the Arnaudville Police Department with various information pertaining to crimes in the area. As we are a small department, it is impossible to have an officer on every street at the same time. We appreciate everyone who has assisted with the video footage, pictures, or even calls about crimes in their neighborhood.

**Community Concerns:** As a reminder to everyone, Hurricane Season started June 1, 2023, and runs until November 1, 2023, The Arnaudville Police Department is prepared and we do have a plan in place to ensure the public safety sector of the Town, is ready to respond. In the event of a hurricane, we are ready to assist the public in any way, including assisting with filling or delivering sandbags to those in need.

**Requests:**

None.

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

Mayor explained the Beau Chene Alumni is this weekend July 28, 29, 2023.

**Adopt Ordinance 07-2023-1 Fireworks Ordinance—Mayor Meche**

Jamie Huval moved to accept Ordinance 07-2023-1 seconded by Debbie Kidder,

Roll Call: Kevin Robin, yea, Jamie Huval, yea, Debbie Kidder, yea, Suzanne Stelly, yea, John Taylor, yea, motion passed.

**Adopt Ordinance 07-2023-3 Sale of Old Library and Land—Mayor Meche**

John Taylor moved to adopt Ordinance 07-2023-3 seconded by Jamie Huval,

Roll Call: Kevin Robin, yea, Jamie Huval, yea, Debbie Kidder, yea, Suzanne Stelly, yea, John Taylor, yea, motion passed.

**Adopt Ordinance 07-2023-2 Sale of Land—Mayor Meche**

Jamie Huval moved to adopt Ordinance 07-2023-2 seconded by Suzanne Stelly,  
Roll Call: Kevin Robin, yea, Jamie Huval, yea, Debbie Kidder, yea, Suzanne Stelly, yea, John Taylor, yea,  
motion passed.

**Adopt Resolution 5-2023 Intergovernmental Agreement with St. Marting Parish (Pavilion)—Mayor Meche**

Debbie Kidder moved to adopt Resolution 5-2023 seconded by Jamie Huval,  
Roll Call: Kevin Robin, yea, Jamie Huval, yea, Debbie Kidder, yea, Suzanne Stelly, yea, John Taylor, yea,  
motion passed.

**Adopt Compliance Questionnaire—Mayor Meche**

Jamie Huval moved to adopt the Compliance Questionnaire seconded by Debbie Kidder and John Taylor,  
motion passed.

**Up-Dates—Mayor Meche**

Mayor asked the council to move next month's meeting from August the 22, 2023 to August 29, 2023,  
Debbie Kidder motioned to move the meeting date to August 29, 2023, seconded by Suzanne Stelly,  
motion passed.

Mayor stated that two grants that were in the making for approximately two (2) years, these grants  
would be used to upgrade all the water meters, one (1) capital outlay grant is in the amount of \$395,000  
and the other is \$50,000. Kenny Boagni will get an estimated cost of the automated water meters. The  
budget will have to be amended to add approximately \$110,000 to \$120, 000 to finish the project. Once  
the figures are in, a special meeting will be scheduled.

**Clerk of Court (Candidate) St. Landry Parish—Mr. Charlie Jagneaux**

Mr. Charlie Jagneaux introduced himself and explained the accomplishments of his office over the years  
and what his plans are if re-elected.

**Citizens' Concerns**

Ginger LeCompte explained that about 50% of the households are struggling or are living from paycheck  
to paycheck, United Way is providing \$75.00 food cards from local grocers, if anyone knows who can use  
this, please let them know about the food cards. There is also another program that is called, "Beat the  
Heat", United Way is asking for fan donations, and they are also purchasing fans. These will be  
distributed to the elderly and people in need. Donations can be given to Ms. Ginger LeCompte.

**Adjourn:**

John Taylor moved to adjourn the July 25, 2023, meeting seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion passed.

**Attest:**

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Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

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Todd Meche, Mayor