

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKEN AT A SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MAY 6, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE ARNAUDVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER, 291 GUIDROZ STREET, ARNAUDVILLE, LA 70512**

**RE:** Recommendation for Reserve Officer  
Amber Arnaud –Possible Executive Session

**Present:** Mayor, Todd Meche

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

**Town Clerk:** Dolores R. Quebedeaux

**Police Chief:** Eddy LeCompte

**Called to Order—**Mayor Meche

**Prayer—**Suzanne Stelly

**Pledge—**All

Chief recommended the termination of Amber Arnaud, Kevin Robin moved to have Amber Arnaud terminated seconded by Suzanne Stelly, unanimously carried.

Chief said that he was asked the question by Mayor Kathy (2017) if Barry Ard was on the Insurance, chief called Jerry Cronin and Mr. Cronin said Barry was on the Insurance. This was turned in by Ida Lalonde for 2017. In 2017 and 2018 the paper work was filled out by Dolores Quebedeaux and chief said he never saw the paperwork and did not know that he and Barry were not on the Insurance. Chief said he asked Mr. Cronin who should be on the list and Mr. Cronin said anyone who does field work. He also said he was not on the list for 2018 and 2019 for some reason was removed. Chief said that he wants the Aldermen to question him anytime if they feel he is doing something wrong. Jamie said that he never maliciously felt that this was purposely done and he assumed that it was an oversight. Dolores Quebedeaux told Chief that he needs to let her know so she can add his police officers on the Insurance. Mayor stated that he can understand Mr. Ard being an oversight, but the elected Chief of Police should have stayed on the Insurance. Chief said that RMI told him of a program to add and delete employees on the insurance. Cynthia Stelly asked if Barry was a Reserve Officer. Chief said that Mr. Ard's main job is upgrading the SOP Manuel. Jamie Huval stated that he was under the influence that Barry had left according to the previous administration and that is what he was told. Dolores Quebedeaux stated that Jamie was correct because at one time the Chief stated that the money that Barry was making as a police officer was interfering with his taxes. Chief said he had quit and Dolores stated that he was supposed to go through the same procedure as a new hire. He was going to come back, but get no salary and devote his time.

Mayor Meche stated that he would like the Council to reaffirm that Barry Ard is the second Reserve Officer and make sure he is insured.

Jamie Huval made a motion to reaffirm that Barry Ard is the second reserve officer seconded by Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried.

Dolores Quebedeaux asked if Barry was going to have to take the physical and drug testing once again, Jamie Huval waived the Physical and Drug Testing seconded by Suzanne Stelly, unanimously carried.

Kevin Robin inquired about the expense of the physical and drug test; he said that for the Etouffee Festival they all faced liability because Barry was not on the Insurance. Chief said that Barry needs 20 hours of training with the State. Chief inquired about him taking a physical, Kevin Robin told Chief that this was his department and he should know the answers, Kevin also said that everyone should stay in their own lane, the Mayor doing what he has to do and the Chief doing what he has to do. Chief said there are 3 new aldermen but there are some older aldermen as well who can help the newer aldermen.

He said when he took over as Police Chief the computers were wiped off, the cell phone was wiped off, files were taken out and he said he did not see them. He said no one knew what the Police Chief was supposed to do. He said the last year and a half have been OJT (On the job training) for him.

Jamie said they had not seen Barry for a long time and a red flag went up. Chief said that he made an assumption; Kevin said that he should not make an assumption.

Jamie Huval amended his motion so that if need be that Barry has to go through a Physical go ahead put him through a physical, if he does not have to go through a physical put him on the Insurance seconded by Suzanne Stelly, unanimously carried.

**Adjourn**

Motion was made by Suzanne Stelly seconded by Debbie Kidder to adjourn the Special Meeting, unanimously carried.

**Attest**

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**Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk**

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**Todd Meche, Mayor**