

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKEN AT A REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON APRIL 20, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE ARNAUVILLE MEETING ROOM, 107 RUE DE JAUSIERS, ARNAUVILLE, LA 70512

Present: Mayor, Todd Meche

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

Town Clerk: Dolores R. Quebedeaux

Town Attorney: Kay Theunissen

Town Engineer: Kenny Boagni

Police Chief: Eddy LeCompte

Utility Superintendent: Todd Abshire (Absent)

Parks and Recreation Director: Zelma Jackson (Absent)

Called to Order: Mayor Meche

Prayer: Suzanne Stelly

Pledge: All

Approve March 16, 2021 Regular Town Meeting Minutes—Mayor Meche

Jamie Huval moved to accept the March 16, 2021 Regular Town Meeting Minutes seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion passed.

Approve March 2021 Expenses—Mayor Meche

Kevin Robin moved to accept the March 2021 Expenses seconded by Jamie Huval, motion passed.

Utility Report—Todd Abshire (Absent)

A report was handed to the Mayor and Council prepared by Todd Abshire.

WATER—System wide flushing will take place during the month of April. The monthly Safe Drinking Water Act daily chlorine residual logs were verified by Todd Abshire and are on file in the utility office filing cabinet as required by law.

WASTEWATER—the monthly flow records were faxed to HoPak Laboratories to verify flow in accordance with the discharge permit, as well as all analytical results being examined, reported, and filed in the appropriate filing cabinet in the utility department files.

GAS—the gas system is operating near 40 pounds of inlet pressure at the Cypress Station and 40 psi at the Koch Station.

Kenny Boagni stated the road project is complete, overlay and patching.

Kenny explained that all of the electrical equipment is at the well for water well #3. Water well 1 is set for rehabilitation, the contractor had an issue at another other job which has pushed the rehab back some.

Police Report—Chief Eddy LeCompte

Officer Angelique Stelly is expected to graduate from the St. Martin POST Academy on Tuesday, April 27, 2021. Since that date is before the next Council meeting on May 18, 2021, Chief request that Officer Stelly be approved for promotion to the position of POST Certified Patrol Officer at the pay rate of Grade 2, Step 26 (\$13.09 per hour) effective the date after her completion of the Academy.

Chief petitioned the Council to approve the transfer of Ms. Christian Deville from the position of Dispatcher to that of Provisional Patrol Officer. Although only recently hired by the Department she has satisfactorily met all the necessary requirements to fill the position of Patrol Officer. He is currently awaiting approval for insurance coverage from Mr. Jerry Cronin of RMI before any transfer is finalized. Should all conditions be met, he request that should the transfer be approved the pay rate for Ms. Deville be adjusted to \$10.56 per hour (Grade 2 Step 7). Further he request that a meeting with the

Council members be waived since she has already taken that step in the past when she was originally hired as a Dispatcher.

Another candidate for the position of Provisional Patrol Officer is Mr. Brandon Gauthreaux, is in the process of completing his preliminary necessary paperwork. Should he be acceptable, chief will request a meeting with two members of the Council for a follow up interview prior to having him brought before the full Council for approval to be hired.

Ms. Regan Forras will be reinstated at her current position as a Dispatcher. Ms. Forras requested that she be given additional time to meet the requirements necessary for promotion to the position of Provisional Patrol Officer. Chief has approved her request and assured her that within the next three to six months he will give her another opportunity to apply for that position should she wish.

Chief is in the process of writing evaluation on all employees of the Police Department and expect to have these finalized by the next Council meeting in May.

The budget is in the process of being started. It is expected to be completed by early June. After completion, the Mayor and Alderpersons will be sent a copy for their review. Details will then be discussed at the upcoming budget workshop for final approval.

Statistics for the month of March were: 0 Arrests, 17 Citations, 29 MIC's issued, 17 Fic's issued and 98 calls for service.

Jamie Huval moved to accept the pay increase of Angelique Stelly after her graduation be promoted to post certified patrol officer at Grade 2, Step 26, \$13.09 per hour seconded by Cynthia Stelly, motion passed.

Jamie Huval moved to adjust Christian Deville's pay to \$10.56 per hour Grade 2 Step 7 as a patrol officer seconded by Kevin Robin, motion carried.

Kevin Robin moved to have Reagan Forras re-instated as a dispatcher seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion passed.

Suzanne Stelly moved to add \$1000.00 in the Chief's contract labor seconded by Kevin Robin, motion passed.

Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson (Absent)

A tournament will take place on May 1st and 2nd.

Adopt Resolution 1-21 A Resolution and calling a Special Election to be held in the Town of Arnaudville, Parishes of St. Landry and St. Martin, State of Louisiana, to consider a Proposition and Authorize the purpose for the Revenues Derived from that tax; Making Application to the State Bond Commission and providing for other matters in connection therewith—Mayor

Jamie Huval moved to accept Resolution 1-21 seconded by Kevin Robin, motion passed.

Roll Call: Todd Meche, Yes, Cynthia Stelly, Yes, Kevin Robin, Yes, Jamie Huval, Yes, Debbie Kidder, Yes, Suzanne Stelly, Yes.

Adopt Ordinance 1-21 An ordinance adopting Closing hours for certain Entertaining Establishment—Jamie Huval

Jamie Huval moved that Ordinance 1-21 be tabled seconded by Kevin Robin, motion passed.

Camp Street—John Meche

A copy of the town map was given to the council members for review. Mr. John Meche is asking the council members to abandon the proposed road that butts to his property (351 West Railroad). He keeps up the grass on the property.

Jamie Huval introduced the Ordinance and scheduled a Public Hearing for May 18, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion passed.

Up-Date—Mayor

Mayor explained that he is working with an individual on a property that is blighted. All else was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

Adjourn

Jamie Huval moved to adjourn the April 20, 2021 regular town meeting seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion carried.

Attest

Town Clerk, Dolores R. Quebedeaux

Mayor, Todd Meche