

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN TAKEN AT A  
REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON MAY 28, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE  
ARNAUDVILLE MEETING ROOM, 107 RUE DE JAUSIERS, ARNAUDVILLE, LA 70512**

**Present:** Mayor, Todd Meche

**Aldermen:** Kris Brasseaux, Jamie Huval, Suzanne Stelly, John Taylor

**Absent:** Debbie Kidder

**Town Clerk:** Dolores R. Quebedeaux (Absent)

**Town Attorney:** Kay Theunissen (Absent)

**Police Chief:** Josh Ross

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

**Parks and Recreation** (Absent)

**Called to Order:** Mayor Meche

**Prayer:** Suzanne Stelly

**Pledge:** All

**Old Business**

**Approve April 23, 2024, Regular Town Meeting Minutes—**Mayor Meche

Jamie Huval moved to accept the April 23, 2024, Regular Town Meeting Minutes seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion carried.

**Approve Budget to Actual/Budget Comparison for April 2024—**Mayor Meche

John Taylor motioned to approve the Budget to Actual/Budget Comparison for April 2024 seconded by Jamie Huval, motion carried.

**Approve Special Meeting Minutes for May 1, 2024**

**(Adopt Millage Resolution for 2024 and Open Bids for new water Meters)—**

Mayor Meche

Jamie Huval moved to approve Special Meeting Minutes seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion carried.

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

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

**REPORT:**

**WATER**—The Town of Arnaudville’s water system scored an “A” on the State of Louisiana Act 98 Accountability Rule. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year that the state has this rule in place, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> year that we have scored an “A”. Many thanks to the mayor, council, town hall staff, and field staff for making this happen throughout the year. The monthly Safe Drinking Water Act daily chlorine residual logs were verified by Todd Abshire and are on file in the utility office as required by law.

**WASTEWATER**—The bar screen rake has been repaired and is fully operational. The monthly flow records were faxed to HoPak Laboratories to verify flow in accordance with our discharge permit, as well as all analytical results being examined, reported, and filed in the utility department files.

**GAS**—The rectifier station on Olive Street has a new anode bed, and our cathodic protection readings are outstanding. Pipeline Safety recently performed a Drug & Alcohol Abuse Program inspection and an Operator Qualification inspection. There weren’t any deficiencies noted during either inspection. The gas system is operating at 40 psi of inlet pressure at the Cypress Station and Koch Station.

**Police Report**—Chief Josh Ross

As of May 28, 2024, the Arnaudville Police Department responded to self-initiated over 700 calls to service, since the beginning of the year, including assistance calls for other agencies including both Sheriff’s Offices and the Louisiana State Police. The Arnaudville Police Department has had over 169 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 16 minutes. The Arnaudville Police Department has processed (4) felony arrests in the last month, including one (1) case the U.S. Secret Service accepted to prosecute federal, issued five (5) criminal misdemeanor citations, and sixteen (16) traffic citations.

The current state of the department is as follows:

**Investigations:** N/A

**Staffing:** We currently staff 4 certified Police Officers, and will be attempting to hire a fifth officer, I will be contacting every member of the council in the coming days, to receive a hiring packet, and request a special meeting sometime this week to hire an officer.

**Training Update:** Offices with the Arnaudville Police Department will be re-certifying with their weapons at the SLSO range tomorrow, and two (2) officers will be obtaining their homicide certifications this month, thus making all officers certified to investigate a homicide.

**Vehicle Update:** I have one (1) down due to an overheating issue and transmission slip. I will not be repairing the vehicle for \$5,000 as quoted, until after the budget meeting, as I do not want to waste taxpayers' dollars.

**Community Concerns:** Hurricane Season will be here in less than a week. The Arnaudville Police Department does have a plan in place to ensure the town is protected and streets are clear, should we experience a Hurricane. We would like to take this time to remind people to test their generators, ensure they have a carbon monoxide detector installed, and be mindful that now is the time to prepare, not the week or day off.

**Requests:**

Nothing currently.

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

All is going well in the park. Baseball is taking place currently.

**New Business**

**Introduce Ordinance 01-2024 to adopt the amended budget 2023-2024—**Mayor John Taylor introduced Ordinance 01-2024 seconded by Jamie Huval, motion passed.

**Introduce Ordinance 02-2024 to adopt Budget Ordinance for 2024-2025—**Mayor Jamie Huval introduced Ordinance 02-2024 seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion passed.

**Schedule a Public Hearing at 5:30 P.M. on June 25, 2024, to discuss Ordinances—**Mayor

Jamie Huval motioned to schedule a Public Hearing at 5:30 P.M. seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion passed.

**Discuss Past Due Accounts (Housing)—Denise Moore (Absent)**

**Up-Dates—Mayor**

Mayor Meche said he spoke with Penny Scruggins, and she should have the budget figures within a week or so. Once Penny presents the copies to the mayor, he will then hand them out to the council and perhaps schedule a workshop.

A discussion was held about the blighted property. Different views were had.  
**Citizens' Concerns**

**Adjourn**

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

**Attest:**

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**Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk**

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**Todd Meche, Mayor**