

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKEN AT A
REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON JULY 23, 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, Debbie Kidder, John Taylor

Absent—Suzanne Stelly

Town Clerk—Dolores R. Quebedeaux

Town Attorney—Kay Theunissen

Town Engineer—Kenny Boagni (Absent)

Police Chief—Josh Ross

Utility Superintendent—Todd Abshire (Absent)

Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson (Absent)

Called to Order—Mayor, Todd Meche

Prayer—John Taylor

Pledge—All

Debbie Kidder motioned to amend the agenda to allow Brandon Arnaud to speak on behalf of the cameras for the town seconded by John Taylor.

Old Business

Approve June 25, 2024, Public Hearing Minutes—Mayor Meche

Jamie Huval moved to approve the June 25, 2024, Public Hearing Minutes seconded by Debbie Kidder and John Taylor, motion carried.

Approve June 25, 2024, Regular Town Meeting Minutes—Mayor Meche

Debbie Kidder moved to approve the June 25, 2024, Regular Town Meeting Minutes seconded by Jamie Huval, motion carried.

Approve Budget to Actual/Budget Comparison for June 2024—Mayor Meche

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

Utility Report—Todd Abshire (Absent)

Mayor reported that a sludge pump was out at the Sewer Plant but has been repaired and all is working. The meter project is still in the making for the new meters.

Police Report—Josh Ross

As of July 23, 2024, the Arnaudville Police Department responded or self-initiated over 845 calls to service, since the beginning of the year, including a few assistances calls for other agencies including both Sheriff's Offices and the Louisiana State Police.

The Arnaudville Police Department have had over 174 encounters with members of the public since the beginning of the month. The average response time has been less than 2.5 minutes and the average time spent on a call is around 17 minutes.

The Arnaudville Police Department has processed (5) felony arrests in the last month, (1) Narcotics search warrant, (4) misdemeanors, (2) criminal misdemeanor citations, and (11) traffic citations.

The current state of the department is as follows:

Staffing: We currently staff 4 certified Police Officers, including myself. We are working to fill a vacancy, after the last person did not pan out with the insurance.

Training Update: Officers with the Arnaudville Police Department will be attending an upcoming class with the Justice of the Peace for civil law training. They will also be receiving training on the new laws that come into effect this year, including the constitutional carry laws.

Vehicle Update: We did purchase 2 police vehicles, which are here at the Police Department thus bringing my fleet to 7 police vehicles. As you are all aware, we have been cleaning out the junk vehicles, and updating and modernizing the fleet. With the additions of the vehicles ordered, we are not expecting any additional vehicle purchases in the upcoming year.

Community Concerns: Hurricane Season is upon us. The Arnaudville Police does have a plan in place to ensure the town is protected and streets are clean, 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 of. Should any citizen require assistance, they can always reach out to the Arnaudville Police Department or Arnaudville Fire Department.

Requests: I would like to ask this council to entertain a motion to remove the following three vehicles from the Police Department fleet and place them up for public bid.

2015 Ford Explorer

2008 Ford Crown Vic.

2007 Ford Crown Vic,

Jamie Huval motioned to advertise for bids on the 3 vehicles seconded by Debbie Kidder motion passed.

Adopt Ordinance 03-2024 to Abandon a portion of St. Antoine Street—Mayor Meche

Jamie Huval moved to adopt Ordinance 03-2024 to abandon a portion of St. Antoine Street, seconded by Debbie Kidder and John Taylor, motion carried.

Adopt Resolution 07-2004. A Resolution to adopt the Ad Valorem Millage Rates for General Alimony 5.500 Mills and Waterworks 6.730 Mills—Mayor Meche

John Taylor moved to adopt Resolution 07-2024 to adopt the Ad Valorem Millage Rates for General Alimony 5.500 Mills and Waterworks 6.730 Mills seconded by Jamie Huval. Roll

Call: Jamie Huval, yes, Debbie Kidder, yes, Kris Brasseaux, yes, John Taylor, yes, Suzanne Stelly, absent motion carried.

Cameras—Brandon Arnaud

Brandon Arnaud explained to the Mayor and Council about the operation of the cameras. He also offered to demonstrate the operation to anyone interested. He stated that he works with several other municipalities.

Cameras and Chief's Salary—Jamie Huval

Jamie Huval tabled the topic about the cameras. He said he wants to introduce an Ordinance to give the Chief a \$5000.00 yearly raise.

Street Signs—Eugene Arnaud

Mr. Arnaud expressed his concerns about intersections in town that need No Parking signs, due to obstructing view when trying to turn. One being Olive and Fuselier the other being a state highway.

Up-Dates—Mayor Meche

The Auditors are still working on the audit, should be done shortly.

Citizens' Concerns

Jamie Huval inquired about the blighted property; Mayor stated that he is waiting on the report before anything can take place.

Adjourn

John Taylor moved to adjourn the July 2024 meeting seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion carried.

Attest

Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

Todd Meche, Mayor