

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKEN AT A PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON FEBRUARY 28, 2023, AT 5:15 P.M. AT THE ARNAUVILLE MEETING ROOM, 2017 RUE DE JAUSIERS, ARNAUVILLE, LA 70512.

RE: Ordinance 3-2023 to sell the old Library Building

Mayor—Todd Meche

Aldermen—Jamie Huval, Kevin Robin, Suzanne Stelly, John Taylor

Absent—Debbie Kidder

Town Clerk—Dolores R. Quebedeaux

Called to Order—Mayor Todd Meche

Prayer—Suzanne Stelly

Pledge—All

A discussion was held regarding the Old Library Building. Different options were discussed.

Citizens' Concerns

Adjourn

John Taylor moved to adjourn the 5:15 P.M. Public Hearing seconded by Suzanne Stelly and Kevin Robin; motion passed.

Attest:

Dolores r. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

Todd Meche, Mayor

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKEN AT PUBLIC HEARING ON
FEBRUARY 28, 2023, AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE ARNAUDVILLE MEETING ROOM, 107 RUE DE JAUSIERS,
ARNAUDVILLE, LA 70512**

**RE: Ordinance 1-2023 An Ordinance setting Elected Officials Salaries and Amending the Budget ending
June 30, 2023, to reflect the change.**

Mayor—Todd Meche

Aldermen—Jamie Huval, Kevin Robin, Suzanne Stelly, John Taylor

Absent—Debbie Kidder

Town Clerk—Dolores R. Quebedeaux

Called to Order—Mayor, Todd Meche

Prayer—Suzanne Stelly

Pledge—All

Mayor explained that the new salaries would be \$25,000.00 yearly for the Mayor, Council members,
\$5400.00 yearly, \$40,000.00 for the police chief. A brief discussion was held.

Citizens' Concerns

Adjourn

Jamie Huval motioned to adjourn the Public Hearing seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion passed.

Attest:

Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

Todd Meche, Mayor

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKEN AT A PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON FEBRUARY 28, 2023, AT 5:45P.M. AT THE ARNAUDVILLE MEETING ROOM, 107 RUE DE JAUSIERS, ARNAUDVILLE, LA 70512

RE: Ordinance 2-2023 Amending Section 2-27 of the Town Ordinance setting the board meetings to the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M.

Mayor—Todd Meche

Aldermen—Jamie Huval, Kevin Robin, Suzanne Stelly, John Taylor

Absent—Debbie Kidder

Town Clerk—Dolores R. Quebedeaux

Mayor Meche explained that the Ordinance was to move the meeting date from the third Tuesday of the month to the fourth Tuesday of the month. A brief discussion took place.

Citizens' Concerns

Adjourn

Jamie Huval moved to adjourn the Public Hearing seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion passed.

Attest:

Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

Todd Meche, Mayor

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKEN AT A
REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 28, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE
ARNAUDVILLE MEETING ROOM, 107 RUE DE JAUSIERS, ARNAUDVILLE, LA
70512**

Mayor—Todd Meche

Aldermen—Jamie Huval, Kevin Robin, Suzanne Stelly, John Taylor

Absent—Debbie Kidder

Town Clerk—Dolores R. Quebedeaux

Town Attorney—Kay Theunissen

Town Engineer—Kenny Boagni (Absent)

Police Chief—Josh Ross (Absent)

Utility Superintendent—Todd Abshire (Absent)

Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson

Called to Order—Mayor Meche

Prayer—Suzanne Stelly

Pledge--All

Old Business:

Approve January 24, 2023, Regular Town Minutes—Mayor Meche

Kevin Robin moved to accept the Regular Town Minutes seconded by Jamie Huval, motion passed.

Approve Budget to Actual/Budget Comparison for January 2023—Mayor Meche

Kevin Robin moved to accept the Budget to Actual/Budget Comparison for January 2023 seconded by Suzanne Stelly and John Taylor, motion passed.

Utility Report –Todd Abshire (Absent)

A Utility Report was given to the Mayor and Board members as per Todd Abshire.

Water – The water system was flushed earlier this month. All paperwork for the state’s accountability rule has been submitted to LDH. We received an “A” for our initial grade and will find out our final grade before April 1st. 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 – There aren't any major issues to report regarding the town's wastewater system. 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 appropriate filing cabinet in the utility department files.

Gas – Pipeline Safety will be performing a "Comprehensive Inspection" on the entire gas system during the month of April. The utility department is in the process of preparing for the inspection and we do not have any major issues during preparation and inspection. The gas system is operation near 40 pounds of inlet pressure at the Cypress Station and 40 psi at the Koch Station.

John Taylor moved to accept the utility report seconded by Suzanne Stelly and Jamie Huval, motion passed.

Police Chief—Josh Ross (Absent)

A Police report was given to the Mayor and Board Member prepared by Police Chief, Joss Ross.

Please allow me to apologize for not being able to make the meeting, as I am currently attending the state mandated Law Executive Management Institute, which is held in Zachary, Louisiana, until March 2. Although, I am unavailable, Lt. Kane Marceaux will be handling day to day operations, until my return, and is available if needed.

As of the last meeting, the Arnaudville Police Department has issued 60 traffic citations for various offenses such as speeding, illegal window tint, driving under suspension, and driving without a license, 16 criminal misdemeanor citations, for offenses such as paraphernalia, illegal narcotics, trespassing, and criminal damage, and an additional 8 citations were written to individuals on bicycles. I would like to add that close to 50% of the total citations, were issued in residential neighborhoods, where the police department is aggressively monitoring speeding violations, especially in the early afternoons when schools let out, and children are playing.

The Arnaudville Police Department has further made an additional 8 felony level arrests. In the past week alone, the Arnaudville Police Department has recovered

large amounts of Crack/Cocaine, Cocaine Powder, Methamphetamine, and enough Fentanyl to potentially kill around 32,000 people.

The current state of the department is as follows:

Investigations: Currently Lt. Marceaux has been working several investigations for crimes including burglary and narcotics. Since starting the Arnaudville Police Department, Dt. Marceaux has been nothing short of vital, and has solved several crimes, including a break in at the Arnaudville Middle School.

Staffing: Currently we have three (4) full-time Police Officers, of which, one is attending the academy, and one (1) part-time Police Officer, and myself working shifts. We are currently in the process of interviewing other qualified candidates and working on filling the reserve officer's spots.

Training Update: Currently Officer Parker Blanchard is attending the St. Martin P.O.S.T. Academy and his anticipated graduation is around April 20, 2023. He has so far scored a 90% or better on all tests he has taken. Once Office Blanchard is certified, the Arnaudville Police Department will look at sending at least two officers to the Juvenile Academy, as Juvenile Offenders seems to be an ongoing problem.

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 the police department continues to transition, the Arnaudville Police Department will continue to build rapport with the citizens and assist when needed.

Request: None

This concludes the February Report.

Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson

Zelma stated that registration for baseball/softball were put out, the jamboree will be April 1, 2023.

New Business:

Adopt Ordinance 3-2023 to sell the Old Library Building—Mayor Meche

John Taylor moved to allow the sale of the Old Library seconded by Jamie Huval, motion passed.

Roll Call: Kevin Robin, yea, Jamie Huval, yea, Suzanne Stelly, yea, John Taylor, yea.

Adopt Ordinance 01-2023 An Ordinance setting the Elected Officials Salaries and Amending the Budget ending June 30, 2023, to reflect the change—Mayor Meche

Kevin Robin moved to accept Ordinance 01-2023 seconded by Jamie Huval motion passed.

Roll Call: Kevin Robin, yea, Jamie Huval, yea, Suzanne Stelly, yea, John Taylor, yea.

Adopt Ordinance 2-2023 Amending Section 2-27 of the Town Ordinance setting the board meetings for the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M.—Mayor Meche

Jamie Huval moved to accept Ordinance 2-2023 seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion passed.

Roll Call: Kevin Robin, yea, Jamie Huval, yea, Suzanne Stelly, yea, John Taylor, yea.

Adopt Resolution 02-2023 Mitigation Plan—Mayor Meche

Kevin Robin moved to accept Resolution 02-2023 seconded by John Taylor, motion carried.

Adopt Resolution 03-2023 the AD Valorem Millage Rates –Mayor Meche

General Alimony (5129 001 & 5139 001): 5.720 mills

Waterworks (5129 002 & 5139 002): 7.000 mills

Jamie Huval moved to adopt Resolution 03-2023 the Ad Valorem Millage Rates seconded by John Taylor, motion passed.

Roll Call: Kevin Robin, Jamie Huval, Suzanne Stelly, John Taylor

Absent: Debbie Kidder

Dangerous Dogs—Jackie Cochran

Jackie Cochran expressed her concern about loose dogs. She explained that an incident took place in her neighborhood involving 2 dogs. A pit bulldog accidentally broke loose and attacked a dog while the owner was walking the dog. Ms. Cochran suggested perhaps changing some of the town Ordinances. Mayor explained that the town is part of St. Landry Parish, the shelter was built in the parish since municipalities had problems dealing with loose dogs.

Up-Dates—Mayor Meche

Mayor said that the contractor is getting his employees certified in gas, as soon as that takes place the gas project will be starting as soon as possible.

The utility department started patching holes in town.

The water system has been flushed.

Jamie Huval stated that he brought up the blighted property at the last meeting, but will be adding more properties that need cleaning, the Schexnayder property, Augustine property does not have proper sewer lines as well. Jamie also stated that several streetlights are out. Jamie motioned to hold a public hearing on March 28, 2023, at 5:45 P.M,

Jamie introduced the Ordinance to permanently add Juneteenth to the holiday list seconded by Kevin Robin, motion passed.

Citizens' Concerns

Adjourn

Kevin Robin and Jamie Huval moved to adjourn the Regular Town Meeting seconded by Suzanne Stelly and John Taylor, motion passed.

Attest:

Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

Todd Meche, Mayor