

The town should be receiving \$390,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan.
St. Landry Parish district F Meeting in Cankton is March 29, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

Citizens' Concerns—Mayor

Adjourn

Motion was made by Kevin Robin to adjourn the March 16, 2021 Meeting
seconded by Jamie Huval, motion passed.

Attest

Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

Todd Meche, Mayor

provide by Second Harvest Food Bank. They were able to distribute to over 500 families, in addition to a food pantry. Chief thanked all who assisted in the distribution from the local VFW, K of C Council, St. Francis Church, the Community Church on Bagstill St., and the St. Landry/Evangeline United Way.

He thanked Melanie Robin with Russell's Food Center for supplying food to feed the volunteers.

Two vehicles were donated to the Arnaudville Police Department being checked out at the St. Martin Maintenance Shop. According to them, those vehicles should be ready for pick up in the next couple of weeks after which they will be painted and decals placed before being placed into service. He will then retire at least one of the older units for the Town to auction.

The department is shorthanded once again and he is in the process of interviewing candidates. Chief will let the council know when suitable personnel are selected for approval.

Statistics for the month of February were: 2 arrests, 25 citations, 25 MIC's issued, 7 FIC's and 178 calls for service.

Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson

Baseball will be starting soon. The grass is being maintained by the Utility Personnel.

Playground equipment is in the park and the second set is being set up.

Repair Water Well #1—Mayor Meche

Water well #1 went down and is not producing as it should. Mayor asked for a motion to have the well repaired in the amount of \$46,711.90. Jamie Huval moved to accept repairing the well in the amount of \$46, 711.90 seconded by Cynthia Stelly, motion carried.

Introduce Ordinance 01-2021 An Ordinance Concerning Entertainment Businesses Closing at a certain time—Jamie Huval

Jamie introduced Ordinance 01-2021. These hours would be for certain businesses only.

Jamie Huval moved to have a Public Hearing on April 20, 2021, at 5:30 P.M. seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion passed.

Parish President Candidate—Dwain Buller

Mr. Buller introduced himself, he shared what he plans to do if elected as Parish President.

Up-Dates—Mayor Meche

Mayor explained that the street project is complete, street patching is fixing to begin.

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.

Jamie Huval moved to accept the Utility Report seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion carried.

Announcement for Water Works Millage Renewal—Mayor

Dolores Quebedeaux read the public announcement in full.

The undersigned does hereby certify on March 16, 2021, during a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Arnaudville, the undersigned made a public announcement that the Board of Aldermen may consider a proposition with regard to taxes after a public hearing on the matter that will be held on April 20, 2021 at 5:45 P.M., 107 Rue De Jausiers Avenue, Arnaudville, Louisiana

In Faith Whereof, witness my official signature of this certificate, at Arnaudville, Parish of St. Landry, and State of Louisiana on March 16, 2020.

Please be advised that the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Arnaudville may consider a resolution calling for an election with regard to taxes after a public hearing on the matter that will be held on April 20, 2021 at 5:45 P.M., 107 Rue De Jausiers Avenue, Arnaudville, Louisiana.

Debbie Kidder moved to accept the announcement seconded by Suzanne Stelly, motion carried.

Police Report—Chief Eddy LeCompte

Patrol Officer Shamar Smith resigned his position with the Arnaudville Police Department effective March 12, 2021. Officer Smith informed Chief that he was taking a position as a Deputy with the Evangeline Sheriff's office. Chief said he asked Officer Smith why he was leaving to go to a job that basically pays the same hourly wage as the Arnaudville Police Department and he answered that Evangeline Parish was attempting to get a tax approval that would allow the Sheriff's Office to pay their POST certified Deputies around \$16.00 per hour and since his wife is expecting the birth of their fourth (4th) child that they had medical insurance. Until this council addresses these issues that are resulting in a high turn-over, he will continue to see a steady loss of personnel. Each time he has to recruit and train new officers, he is spending valuable time and financial resources, not to mention quality of service suffers. It may be time to present this dilemma publicly to find solutions.

The food distribution drive on Friday, March 5, 2021 was very successful. There were twelve volunteers on hand to assist with the handing out of the supplies

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKEN AT A
REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON MARCH 16, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE
ARNAUDVILLE MEETING ROOM, 107 RUE DE JAUSIERS, ARNAUDVILLE, 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—Zelma Jackson (Absent)

Called to Order—Mayor, Meche

Prayer—Suzanne Stelly

Pledge—All

Mayor Meche asked the board to amend the agenda to add Public Announcement for Water Works Millage Renewal, Jamie Huval and Debbie Kidder moved to add to the agenda seconded by Kevin Robin, motion passed.

Approve February 23, 2021 Regular Town Meeting Minutes—Mayor

Kevin Robin and Jamie Huval moved to accept the Feb. 23, 2021 Regular Town Meeting Minutes seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion passed.

Approve February 2021 Expenses—Mayor Meche

Jamie Huval moved to accept the February 2021 Expenses seconded by Debbie Kidder, Suzanne Stelly, Cynthia Stelly, Kevin Robin, motion passed.

Utility Report—Todd Abshire (Absent)

A utility report was given to the board members as per Todd Abshire.

Water—Amy Drilling Co., cross-washed well #1 and had to replace the water pump at the bottom of the shaft. The water production is back at full capacity. 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