

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS TAKEN AT A REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON MAY 21, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE ARNAUDVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER, 291 GUIDROZ STREET, ARNAUDVILLE, LA

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

Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson

Called to Order—Mayor, Todd Meche

Prayer—Suzanne Stelly

Pledge—All

Mayor Meche stated that he had a request to amend the agenda. One request was from Alderman Kevin Robin for Town Volunteers and Civic Engagement Program; Jamie moved to amend the agenda seconded by Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried.

Mayor also asked to amend the agenda to move the June 18, 2019 to June 25, 2019, Jamie Huval moved to amend the agenda seconded by Debbie Kidder and Cynthia Stelly, unanimously carried.

Amend the agenda to add updates that have taken place, Jamie Huval moved to amend the agenda seconded by Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried.

Accept April 16, 2019 Regular Town Meeting Minutes—Mayor

Jamie Huval moved to accept the April 16, 2019 Minutes seconded by Debbie Kidder and Suzanne Stelly, unanimously carried.

Accept April 24, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes—Mayor

Jamie Huval moved to accept the April 24, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes seconded by Debbie Kidder and Suzanne Stelly, unanimously carried.

Accept April 2019 Expenses—Mayor

Jamie Huval moved to accept the April 2019 Expenses seconded by Cynthia Stelly, unanimously carried.

Utility Report—Todd Abshire (Absent)

A Utility Report was given to the Mayor and Board Members. The Department of Health performed their Sanitation Survey on the town's water system; every business owner is to get inspected once a year on the back flow preventers this has not taken place yet. The Mayor stated that he and Todd Abshire would put something together and later adopt an Ordinance and send out letter to the business owners. The Inspections have to be done yearly and kept on file.

Mayor explained of the two major failures on some of the equipment, one of the pumps burnt out, the pump was from the old sewer pond which was re-done so a new one had to be ordered and is up and running the secondary pump had to be repaired as well.

The drainage project is still on hold waiting for the State to issue the permit. Kenny Boagni stated that it is a road closure plan that the State is working on.

Police Report—Eddy LeCompte

The Etouffee Festival was quite a success. They had very little trouble during its operation. Chief applauded the winners of the pageant and the contestants who made themselves available to hand out awards for the Mayor's Cook Off and the Car Show.

The employee evaluations have been fully completed. Each employee has not been spoken with concerning their individual ratings. Of all the current employees only seven have at least six months service and thus had a complete evaluation. The seven employees comprise of six full times and one part time. The remaining two employees, who do not have at least six months of continuous service, will be evaluated on an on-going basis. An interoffice memorandum has been attached to the report outlining the steps taken to complete this requirement as per Town of Arnaudville Ordinance 2:92 entitled "Employee Evaluations".

On Wednesday, Mayo 8, 2019, Provisional Patrol Officer Joshua Ross graduated from the POST Academy at the St. Martin Police Academy. He petitioned the Council to approve the promotion of Provisional Patrol Officer Joshua Ross to the position of POST Certified Patrol Officer at a pay rate of Grade 2 Step 13 (\$11.37 per hour) effective immediately.

He is working on the Arnaudville Police Department annual budget. He has every intention of having the annual budget for 2018-2019 as well as the variance report comparing the 2018-2019 budgets versus 2017-2018 projected actual expenses completed by the end of this month or shortly thereafter. Once completed chief said he would make sure the Mayor and Alderpersons are given a copy to review prior the Budget Meeting.

Jamie moved to have Joss Ross promoted to the position of POST Certified Patrol Officer at a pay rate of \$11.37 per hour seconded by Cynthia Stelly and Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried.

Mayor stated to the chief that he would be meeting with the Auditors for the budget and asked Chief to at least bring part of budget. Chief said he should be finished with his budget on Thursday.

On behalf of the Board Members, Kevin Robin thanked Josh Ross for his devotion for his POST Certification.

Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson (Absent)

Mayor explained that they are in the middle of baseball season and the rain has messed some of the games, but they are still trying to have their tournaments on June 1st and 2nd. Zelma also requested to have a cook-off benefit for Dana Leger who is battling breast and brain cancer to be held on June 15, 2019 and asks the Council to waive the rental fee for the park. Cynthia Stelly moved to waive the park rental seconded by Jamie Huval and Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried.

Re-Schedule June 18, 2019 Meeting to June 25, 2019—Mayor

Jamie Huval moved to re-schedule the meeting to June 25, 2019 seconded by Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried.

Introduce Ordinance 03-2019 an Ordinance Adopting the Operating Budget and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2019 and Ending June 30, 2020—Mayor

Jamie Huval introduce Ordinance 03-2019 seconded by Kevin Robin, unanimously carried.

Introduce Ordinance 04-2019 an Ordinance Amending the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2018 and Ending June 30, 2019—Mayor

Jamie Huval introduced Ordinance 04-2019 seconded by Kevin Robin and Suzanne Stelly, unanimously carried.

Introduce Ordinance 05-2019 An Ordinance amending Ordinance 2-87 section L (Sexual Harassment)—Mayor

Jamie Huval introduce Ordinance 05-2019 seconded by Debbie Kidder and Cynthia Stelly, unanimously carried.

Schedule a Public Hearing at 5:30 P.M. before the June 25, 2019 Regular Town Meeting for Ordinance 03-2019 Budget Ordinance for July 1, 2019 ending June 30, 2020, Ordinance 04-2019 An Ordinance amending the operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 and Ordinance 05-2019 an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2-97 Section L (Sexual Harassment)—Mayor

Jamie Huval moved to Schedule a Public hearing at 5: 30, June 25, 2019 seconded by Kevin Robin, unanimously carried.

Resolution 5-2019 A Resolution of Support Endorsing the Establishment of the “St. Luc French Immersion and Cultural Campus” in Arnaudville, La—Mayor

Kevin Robin moved to accept Resolution 5-2019 seconded by Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried.

Establish a Town Volunteer and Civic Engagement Program—Kevin Robin

Kevin Robin moved to approve a board that would allow an exploratory team considering a town volunteer and Civic Engagement Program for Arnaudville seconded by Jamie Huval, unanimously carried.

St. Martin Parish Sheriff Candidate—Becket Breaux (Absent)

St. Landry Parish Sheriff Candidate—Paul Dicapo

Mr. Dicapo thanked the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for allowing him to speak. Mr. Dicapo a resident of St. Landry Parish. Mr. Dicapo explained what he would like to do if elected as Sheriff.

Police Department—Chief Eddy LeCompte

Chief Eddy LeCompte spoke on what he faced walking into the Police Office as a newly elected chief and what he has accomplished since he is in office, also what his plans are for the future.

Citizens’ Concerns

The Blighted Property on Camp Street has been cleaned up. Notices on five other properties have been sent out.

Mayor mentioned that he and the attorney met with Mr. Chester Cedars in St. Martin Parish discussing the Intergovernmental Agreement.

Ms. Mavis Fruge thanked the Board Members for Endorsing the Resolution for the St. Luc French Immersion and Culture.

Cynthia Stelly announced that line dancing will take place on Thursday’s at the Arnaudville Community Center; the line dancing classes are free, 6:15 P.M. to 7:15 P.M.

Kevin Robin inquired about the Intergovernmental Agreement with St. Martin Parish. Mrs. Theunissen stated that she does have a draft and a few matters have to be corrected.

Barry Ard stated that he supports the police department and volunteers his time to help the department. He gave his view and concerns for Policeman.

Suzanne Stelly asked chief who were the Police Reserve Officers, Chief stated the Reserve Officers are Jair Stelly and Barry Ard.

Adjourn

Jamie Huval and Suzanne Stelly moved to adjourn the May 21, 2019 meeting seconded by Debbie Kidder and Cynthia Stelly, unanimously carried.

Attest:

Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

Todd Meche, Mayor