

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN TAKEN AT A REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 19, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE ARNAUVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER, 291 GUIDROZ STREET, ARNAUVILLE, 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

**Engineer**—Kenny Boagni

**Police Chief**—Eddy LeCompte (Absent)

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

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

Called to Order—Mayor, Todd Meche

**Prayer**—Suzanne Stelly

**Pledge**—All

Mayor Meche asked the Board to amend the agenda to add, Solid Waste, Mr. Pete Olivier, Water Well property, up-date, Josh Boudreaux, School Board Member. Jamie Huval moved to amend the agenda seconded by Cynthia Stelly, unanimously carried.

**Accept February 18, 2019 Regular Town Meeting Minutes—Mayor**

Jamie Huval moved to accept the February 18, 2019 Regular Town Meeting minutes seconded by Suzanne Stelly, unanimously carried.

**Accept February 18, 2019 Public Hearing Minutes (5:30 and 5:45 P.M.)—Mayor**

Jamie Huval moved to accept the February 18, 2019 Public Hearing Minutes seconded by Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried.

**Accept February 2019 Expenses-Mayor**

Jamie Huval moved to accept the February 2019 Expenses seconded by Suzanne Stelly and Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried.

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

**Water**

A Utility Report was given to the Mayor and the Aldermen.

The Water System flushing began on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2019 and continued into the month of March. 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 being examined, reported and filed in the appropriate filing cabinet in the utility department files.

**Gas**

The gas line replacement projects are moving along as planned. The gas system is operating near 40 pounds of inlet pressure at the Cypress Station and 40 psi at the Koch Station

**Police Report—Chief Eddy LeCompte (Absent)**

A Report was given to the Mayor and the Aldermen per Chief LeCompte.

On Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. another Neighborhood Watch meeting was held. Chief petitioned the Town Council to approve the hiring of Mr. Harvey Day to the position of Patrol Officer. Mr. Day is POST Certified and recently spent six years as a Patrol Officer in Duson. The starting pay for M. Day will be \$11.37, the same rate currently being paid to Patrol Officer McBay. The hiring of Mr. Day will depend on his passing the Psychological Exam and being eligible to be covered by RMI. He would also have to pass a physical and drug screening procedure.

He also petitions the Town Council to approve the appointment of Mr. Jair Stelly to the position of a Reserve Police Officer. Mr. Stelly has already passed his Psychological Exam and has been approved for coverage by RMI. The only procedures he needs to pass are the physical and drug screening process as well as qualifying with a firearm.

Jamie stated that the town cannot afford 6 police officers. In regards to the reserve officer, Jamie stated that they have asked Chief to present the board with the credentials days before the meeting, once reviewed they will return the information to the Chief. Jamie motioned to table this until the next scheduled meeting in April 2019 seconded by Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried.

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

Mayor explained that Zelma will be starting up the baseball season; practices are taking place for the baseball season.

A Jamboree will take place April 6, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. at the Arnaudville Park.

#### **Solid Waste—Pete Olivier**

Mr. Peter is a representative for the Solid Waste Commission. Mr. Olivier gave a rundown of the operations of Solid Waste. Solid Waste has been in business for 36 years, the operation is in Beggs near Washington, Louisiana. There is a fund in place that distributes money to different municipalities throughout the parish. The monies are to be used for street repairs. Jamie Huval moved to allow the Mayor to sign the Intergovernmental agreement seconded by Cynthia Stelly, unanimously carried.

#### **Speed Bumps—Jamie Huval**

Jamie Huval asked that the speed bumps be placed on the road, hopefully before the next meeting. Todd stated that he would schedule for the speed bumps to be put down.

#### **Ordinance—Mayor**

Mayor explained that there is a new law that has passed and it is mandatory for all employees to have a Sexual Harassment Training Course once a year. He has asked Ms. Kay Theunissen to look into the town having an Ordinance in place for this training. Mayor stated that he also spoke to Mr. Chester Cedars about the blighted property. Ms. Theunissen is looking over the intergovernmental agreement with the St. Martin Parish President's office. Mayor said it is up to the board if they want to proceed. All board members agreed to proceed with all of the above.

#### **Schedule Hearing April 16, 2019 at 5:30 P.M—Mayor**

##### **(Camp Street Property)**

Suzanne Stelly moved to schedule a Public Hearing on April 16, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. seconded by Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried.

#### **St. Landry School Board—Josh Boudreaux**

Josh explained what is taking place with the School Board and what he is looking to do in the future. He has different options he will have to discuss with other members; he also stated that the number of children makes a difference. He does not feel the changes will take place this year.

Jamie Huval moved to open the meeting to the public seconded by Cynthia Stelly and Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried.

Pearl Wyble inquired about portable buildings for classrooms, Mr. Boudreau explained that portable buildings are not a cheap option and the buildings do not last. Mr. Ken Simeral said K through 6 would be a good number. Mr. Boudreaux also stated that the Old School is not in a state of repair, he said it would be cheaper to tear it down.

Jamie Huval motioned to close the meeting to the Public seconded by Cynthia Stelly, unanimously carried.

**Water Well Property—Mayor Meche**

Mayor explained that he and the Town Engineer visited with the land owners and the owners are willing to swap properties with the town and the town purchase ½ acre 100’ around the well. The cost to the town is \$10,000; the owners also want to make arrangements to provide water to their mother.

Cynthia Stelly motioned to proceed with the purchase seconded by Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried.

**Open Bids (Equipment/Vehicles/Tractor—Mayor**

For Back Hoe: Lynn Enterprises \$2577.00, Mike Leger \$100.00, Mike Lofton \$1501.00, David Pellerin \$1585.00, Darry Williams \$2800.00, Robert Mallet, \$60.00

**Bush Hog Groomer**

Justin Turner \$200.00, Lynn Enterprises \$17.00, David Pellerin, \$200.00, Robert Mallet \$40.00

**Front End Loader**

David Pellerin \$500.00, Lynn Enterprises \$137.00, Darry Williams \$40.00

**John Deere Flail Mower**

David Pellerin \$300.00, Lynn Enterprises \$27.00, Allan Meche, \$2000.00, Robert Mallet \$55.00

**Kubota Tractor**

Justin Turner \$200.00, Horace Jagneaux \$200.00, Gary Darby \$105.00, Lynn Enterprises \$1277.00, Mike Leger \$300.00, Allan Meche, \$3305.00, David Pellerin \$2500.00, Darry Williams \$250.00, Robert Mallet \$1565.00

**1979 Flat Bed Trailer**

Justin Turner \$ 200.00, Lynn Enterprises \$27.00

**Large Tractor Side Shredder**

David Guidry, \$55.00, David Pellerin \$100.00, Kelly Eagleton \$200.00, Lynn Enterprises, \$57.00

**27’ Bumper Pull Trailer**

Lynn Enterprises \$277.00, Ryan Courville \$300.00, Darry Williams\$450.00

**Ditch Witch Trencher**

Lynn Enterprises \$77.00, Tony Ardoin \$75.00, Davie Pellerin \$ 100.00, Darry Williams \$25.00, Robert Mallet \$65.00

**Steam Cleaner**

Lynn Enterprises \$7.00, David Pellerin \$100.00

**1996 Corsica**

Marcus Lazard \$150.00, Lynn Enterprises \$127.00, Mike Leger \$100.00, David Pellerin \$50.00, Darry Williams \$110.00

**Ford Ranger**

Lynn Enterprises \$127.00, Mike Leger \$100.00, David Pellerin \$200.00, Juanita Carter \$800.00, Kelly Eagleton \$400.00, Mark Lazard \$300.00

Jamie Huval moved to accept the highest bidder seconded by Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried.

**Citizens’ Concerns**

Mr. Ken Simeral mentioned to Josh Boudreaux about the St. Landry Parish Economic Development.

**Adjourn**

Cynthia Stelly moved to adjourn the March 19, 2019 Regular Town Meeting seconded by Debbie Kidder, unanimously carried

**Attest:**

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Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

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Todd Meche, Mayor

