

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TAKEN AT A REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 17, 2024, 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, Ginger LeCompte, 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 Meche

**Prayer**—John Taylor

**Pledge**—All

Jamie Huval motioned to amend the agenda to change the January regular town meeting seconded by Debbie Kidder, motioned carried.

**Old Business**

**Adopt November 26, 2024, Regular Town Meeting Minutes**—Mayor Meche

Debbie Kidder moved to accept November 26, 2024, Regular Town Meeting Minutes seconded by John Taylor, motion carried.

**Adopt Budget to Actual/Budget Comparison for November 2024**—Mayor Meche

John Taylor moved to accept Budget to Actual/Budget Comparison for November 2024, seconded by Jamie Huval and Debbie Kidder motion carried.

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

Mayor Meche explained that all is going well in the Utility Department. There are 4 meters left to be installed for the gas meter project.

**Police Report—Chief Josh Ross**

As of December 17, 2024, the Arnaudville Police Department has responded to over 1300 calls to service, since the beginning of the year, including several calls to assist other agencies like St. Landry and St. Martin (We are averaging around 3-5 calls a day including medicals).

This month's analytical report shows what the Arnaudville Police Department has done since the beginning of the month. This shows we have had over 184 encounters with members of the public since the beginning of the month. The average response time has been less than 2 minutes, the average time spent has been less than 2 minutes, and the average time spent on a call is around 16 minutes.

This month the Arnaudville Police Department has arrested Five (5) individuals for felony level crimes, including Monetary Instrument Abuse, probation revocation, theft and possession of methamphetamine, as well as additional two (2) misdemeanor arrests. The Arnaudville Police Department has also written eight (8) traffic citations and one (1) criminal citation.

The current state of the department is as follows:

**Investigations:** Nothing major reported.

**Staffing:** Police Officer Anson Robin has completed over 40 hours of mandatory state training, including 8 hours of firearms, sexual harassment and Ethics, Anson is scheduled to begin a mandatory minimum of 4 weeks completing Field Training starting tomorrow morning at 5 am.

**Training Update:** No additional training noted for 2024.

**Vehicle Update:** One Police vehicle is currently in the shop; however, this does not impact operational readiness within the Arnaudville Police Department.

**Community Concerns:** We would like to remind members of the public that pursuant to Town Ordinance 07-2023-01 the fireworks ban is lifted on December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, and December 31, 2024, and January 1, 2025, from the hours of 6:00 PM until 10:00 PM.

With the new year's holiday approaching, we are currently staffing to meet the needs of the public. We would encourage anyone who sees anything suspicious, (including people, vehicle etc....) to contact us immediately, so an Officer can respond.

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

All is going well in the Recreation Department.

**Act 393-Open Meeting Policy—Mayor Meche**

This was adopted about a year or so ago, this is required by the Legislature, it is recommended that we document the requests for teleconference accommodation.

Debbie Kidder moved to adopt (Act 393-Open Meeting Policy) seconded by John Taylor, motion carried.

**Executive Session—Mayor Meche**

Mayor asked for a motion to enter Executive Session. Jamie Huval moved to enter Executive Session, seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion carried.

Mayor asked for a motion to re-enter into the Regular Town Meeting, motion was made by Jamie Huval to re-enter the Regular Town Meeting seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion carried.

Attorney Kay Theunissen the resolution thus follows, Granting the Mayor the authority to negotiate settlement in the Franks Meche bankruptcy proceedings to consent to Meche's sale of property to Butch Coles for \$50,000 or best terms possible, from which full payment of the money judgement owed by Frank Meche to the Town would be made. A term of the settlement will include the Town's abandonment of roadbeds on Mr. Meche's property.

Motion was made to accept the resolution by Jamie Huval and Debbie Kidder seconded by John Taylor, motion carried.

**Introduce Ordinance 07-24 Setting Rates for Public Records Request—**

Mayor Meche

This was recommended by the auditors; to charge for public records requests this must be done by Ordinance to set the rates. Jamie Huval asked to go into

Executive session at next month's meeting before voting on this, mayor said sure.

Mayor asked for a motion to set up a Public Hearing for January 30, 2025, at 5:45 P.M. for Ordinance 07-24 Setting Rates for Public Records Requests, it was moved by Debbie Kidder to schedule a Public Hearing seconded by Jamie Huval motion carried.

**Move January 2025 Meeting date—Mayor Meche**

Jamie Huval moved to have the January meeting on January 30, 2025, at 6:00 PM seconded by John Taylor, motion carried.

**Up-Dates—Mayor Meche**

Re-applied for the water sector grant, applied for a grant to do the gas meters and applied for the sidewalk grant.

Mayor thanked the Arnaudville Bayou Teche Lions club for assisting with the Christmas decorations.

**Citizens' Concerns**

Dakota Arnaud inquired about Citizens' Concerns, as to why this was not put prior to voting on matters.

Jame Huval inquired about a certain place that has blighted property.

Mayor Meche asked the Council to reaffirm their votes, John Taylor moved to reaffirm seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion carried.

**Adjourn**

Jamie Huval moved to adjourn December 17, 2024, seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion carried.

**Attest:**

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Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

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Todd Meche, Mayor

