

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS TAKEN OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN AT A REGULAR TOWN
METTING HELD ON OCTOBER 16, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE ARNAUDVILLE MEETING ROOM, 291
GUIDROZ STREET, ARNAUDVILLE, LA 70512**

Present: Mayor Kathy M. Richard

Aldermen: Annette Bramlett, Jamie Huval, Todd Meche, Louis Stelly, Jr., Suzanne Stelly

Town Clerk: Dolores R. Quebedeaux

Engineer: Kenny Boagni

Police Chief: Eddy LeCompte

Utility Superintendent: Todd Abshire (Absent)

Parks and Recreation Director: Zelma Jackson (Absent)

Called to Order: Mayor, Kathy M. Richard

Prayer: Suzanne Stelly

Pledge: All

Mayor Richard asked the board to amend the agenda to add Mr. Huey Wyble, (St. Landry School Board Member). Jamie Huval moved to allow Mr. Wyble to be added to the agenda, seconded by Annette Bramlett, unanimously carried.

Accept September 13, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes—Mayor

Jamie Huval moved to accept the Special Meeting Minutes seconded by Todd Meche, unanimously carried.

September 18, 2018 Regular Town Meeting Minutes—Mayor

Jamie Huval moved to accept the Regular Town Meeting Minutes seconded by Todd Meche, unanimously carried.

Accept September 2018 Expenses—Mayor

Mr. Louis Stelly, Jr. moved to accept the September 2018 Expenses seconded by Suzanne Stelly and Todd Meche, unanimously carried.

Utility Report—Todd Abshire (Absent)

A utility report was handed to the Mayor and Board Members.

Police Report—Chief Eddy LeCompte

By the time of the next Council Meeting, Patrol Officer Kirsten McBay will have graduated from the St. Martin Police Academy. The date of her graduation is slated for November 15, 2017.

Chief petitioned the Council to accept the resignation of Patrol Officer Dylan Scott-Ford effective September 28, 2018.

During the past weeks chief has been conducting interviews of prospective employees to fill the vacancy that he has in the Patrol Department. Since advertising for a Patrol Officer position, he has had approximately twelve applications to fill the positions available. He is waiting on necessary paper work before he can make an offer to those best qualified. Once a decision has been made on the best candidates the Council will be advised for their approval. Please note that any new hire will have to undergo proper training before he will put them on their own. For the first 6 months each newly hired Patrol Officer will be reviewed for their performance and then a determination will be made on their continued employment.

It is the intent of the Department to once again make the streets of Quebedeaux, Swamp and Washington one way streets on Halloween night, Wednesday, October 31, 2018. Some of the residents on these streets were asked how this worked last year and all responded positively. Chief attached a

drawing detailing how the flow of traffic is to be handled. The minor inconvenience will only last approximately 2 ½ hours.

A Neighborhood Watch meeting was held on Thursday, September 27, 2018. There were a number of speakers including Sheriff Bobby Guidroz to discuss how everyone in the community can assist the Department curtailing crime. It was once again passed on to everyone present that all information received will be held in confidence and that identities of reporting persons are confidential.

Statistics for the Police Department for the month of September 2018 were: 9 Citations, 25 FIC's. 27 MIC's, 9 arrests, 105 calls for service.

Employee of the Month is Police Officer Joshua Ross.

Jamie Huval moved to accept the resignation of Dylan Scott-Ford seconded by Todd Meche, unanimously carried.

Chief mentioned that St. Landry and St. Martin Parishes have been assisting his department.

Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson (Absent)

MWPP Resolution—Mayor

Suzanne Stelly moved to accept Resolution MWPP seconded by Louis Stelly, Jr., unanimously carried.

Halloween October 31, 2018 Wednesday Time—Mayor

Jamie Huval moved to have Trick or Treat on Halloween night, October 31, 2018 from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. seconded by Annette Bramlett, unanimously carried.

School Board –Josh Boudreaux (Candidate)

Mr. Josh Boudreaux introduced himself as a School Board Candidate in District 7 in St. Landry Parish.

Mr. Boudreaux shared what his goals are as a candidate for this position.

Jamie Huval moved to open the meeting to the Public seconded by Todd Meche,

Roll Call: Annette Bramlett, Yay, Todd Meche, Yay, Jamie Huval, Yay, Louis Stelly, Jr., Nay, Suzanne Stelly, Yay, unanimously carried.

School Board Member—Huey Wyble (Candidate)

Mr. Wyble also introduced himself and shared some of his accomplishment in the past 20 years that he has served as School Board Member and some of the plans he has for this Position in the future.

A brief discussion was held in regards to school issues; several questions were directed and answered.

Motion was made by Todd Meche to close the meeting to the Public seconded by Jamie Huval, unanimously carried.

Policy Issues—Dylan Ford

Absent

Guidry's Fresh Cuts—Todd Stelly and Jacob Creel

Absent

Blighted Property/Address -- Mayor (115 W. Camp)

Mayor Richard stated that this property has been a struggle since one year ago. She stated that she reviewed the Ordinances. Letters have been sent and the owners do not pick up the letters.

Mayor read a section of the Ordinance that allows the cleaning of the property by a certified contractor.

Mayor feels that this property is a hazard to the public and needs to be cleaned; she feels this is an emergency.

Annette Bramlett moved to hire a certified contractor, take bids and allow the property (115 W. Camp) to be cleaned seconded by Jamie Huval, Roll Call: Annette Bramlett, Yay, Todd Meche, Yay, Jamie Huval, Yay, Louis Stelly, Jr., Yay, Suzanne Stelly, Yay.

Blighted Property—Jamie Huval

Mayor Richard asked Jamie if he wanted to speak before Burt Kolder, Jamie stated that most of the questions were already answered.

Audit Report—Burton Kolder

Burton explained that he was presenting the ending results for the Audit year ending 2018.

Burton explained that the Audit Report was a good report. Burt touched on the high notes in the audit report. Brad Kolder touched up on the Utility Fund. All other funds were reported by Burt Kolder. Burt went over the Summary of the Operations Budget.

Burton stated that the town is in great shape.

Todd Meche moved to accept the Financial Audit Report for the year ending June 2018 seconded by Annette Bramlett, unanimously carried.

Adjourn

Todd Meche moved to adjourn the October 16, 2018 Regular Town Meeting seconded by Louis Stelly, Jr., Suzanne Stelly, Jamie Huval and Annette Bramlett, unanimously carried.

Attest

Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

Kathy M. Richard, Mayor