

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN TAKEN AT A REGULAR TOWN MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 24, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE ARNAUDVILLE MEETING ROOM, 107 RUE DE JAUSIERS, ARNAUDVILLE, LA 70512.

Mayor—Tood Meche

Alderman—Jamie Huval, Debbie Kidder, Kevin Robin, Suzanne Stelly, John Taylor

Town Clerk—Dolores R. Quebedeaux (Absent)

Town Attorney—Kay Theunissen

Town Engineer—Kenny Boagni

Police Chief—Josh Ross

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 Mr. Alvin Stelly; Jamie Huval motioned to add Mr. Alvin Stelly to the Agenda seconded by Debbie Kidder motion carried.

Old Business

Approve Public Hearing Minutes for September 26, 2023, Ordinance 08-2023 Amending Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024, to include the Water Automated System Reading System Project—

Mayor Meche

Kevin Robin moved to accept Ordinance 08-2023 seconded by Jamie Huval, motion carried.

Approve Regular Town Meeting Minutes for September 26, 2023—Mayor Meche

Jamie Huval moved to accept the September 26, 2023, Regular Town Meeting Minutes seconded by John Taylor, motion carried.

Approve Special Meeting Minutes for Oct 11, 2023 (Hire Police Officer)—Mayor Meche

Kevin Robin moved to accept the Special Meeting Minutes for Oct. 11, 2023 (Hire Police Officer) seconded by Jamie Huval, motion carried.

Approve Budget to Actual/Budget Comparison for August 2023—Mayor Meche

John Taylor moved to accept Budget to Actual/Budget Comparison for August 2023 seconded by Jamie Huval, motion carried.

Utility Report—Todd Abshire (Absent)

WATER—The water system has had many lines breaks due to dry Conditions and the utility crew is repairing them as quickly as possible. There aren't many water systems in our area that scored above a "B", much less an "A". The monthly Safe Drinking Water Act daily chloring residual logs were verified by Todd Abshire and are on file in the utility office as required by law.

WASTEWATER—Influent Valve for SBR #2 will be repaired soon. The valve is operational, but the cover needs to be replaced due to cracking. The monthly flow records were faxed to HoPak laboratories to

verify flow in accordance with our discharge permit, as well as all analytical results being examined, reported, and filed in the utility department files.

GAS—The rectifier station on Olive Street needs a new anode bed. Prices are being quoted for the job and an update will follow. There were no major violations noted during the ins. The gas system is operating at nearly 40 pounds of inlet pressure at the Cypress Station and 40 psi at the Koch Station. Kevin Robin moved to accept the utility report seconded by Jamie Huval, motion passed.

Police Report—Chief Josh Ross

As of October 24, 2023, the Arnaudville Police has responded to over 560 calls to service since the beginning of the year including several calls to assist other agencies like St. Landry and St. Martin Parishes.

This month, you will notice and attached document with this report, which is an analytic report showcasing what the Arnaudville Police Department has done since the beginning of the month. This shows we have had over 300 encounters with members of the public since the beginning of the month. The average response time has been less than 3 minutes, and the average time spent on a call is around 14 minutes.

This month, the Arnaudville Police Department has arrested Five (5) individuals, with most of those arrested being charged with Narcotics related crimes, including Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Heroin, Possession of Fentanyl, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. We also have several bond revocation hearings coming up in November. The Officers of the Arnaudville Police Department have also written over forty-five (45) traffic citations, with an emphasis on speeding in residential neighborhoods.

The current state of the department is as follows:

Investigations: N/A

Staffing: We are currently fully staffed.

Training Update: Officer Jarred Mouton will be graduating from the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office POST academy on November 16, 2023. Following his graduation, the entire department will be up to POST certified officer.

Vehicle Update: N/A. Still awaiting on one vehicle, which is at Musson Patout Ford getting a security flash.

Community Concerns: As a reminder to everyone, the Town of Arnaudville will be conducting Trick or Treat this Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M, which will result in Washington, Swamp, and Quebedeaux being turned into one-ways, I have already spoke to the utility workers and the mayor, and we will place barricades out later this week.

Request: I would finally ask this council to accept the resignation of Michael Richard from the position of Police Dispatcher.

Jamie Huval moved to accept the resignation of Michael Richard from the position of Police Dispatcher seconded by Debbie Kidder, motion passed.

Parks and Recreation—Zelma Jackson (Absent)

All is going well at the park.

New Business:

Debbie Kidder to change to meeting date to December 27, 2023 seconded by Jamie Huval, motion passed.

Street next to fire station—Mr. Alvin Stelly

Mr. Alvin Stelly stated that he will overlay the street next to the fire department dumpster to Union Street. He said that he was given the funds and that is where he would like to spend the money. This will really dress up the new fire station.

Change December 26, 2023, Regular Town Meeting to December 27, 2023—Mayor Meche

Debbie Kidder moved to change the December meeting from December 26, 2023, to December 27, 2023, motion passed.

Up-Dates—Mayor Meche

Kenny Boagni stated that everything has been set up with the state for the water meter project.

Mayor stated that he would get with Mike Huval to fill in an application for a state capital outlay project, which is usually a 25% match from the town.

Jamie Huval mentioned that November 18, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. the Nativity will be lit, First Baptist Church of Lafayette will be the choir performing.

Adjourn

Kevin Robin moved to adjourn the October 24, 2023, meeting seconded by Jamie Huval, motion passed.

Attest:

Dolores R. Quebedeaux, Town Clerk

Todd Meche, Mayor