

**TOWN OF ARNAUVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

July 16, 2019

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Patrol Officer Kirsten McBay will be starting a Juvenile Academy at the St. Martin Parish Police Academy on Monday, July 22, 2019. The purpose of this training is to give our Department some knowledge in the handling of juvenile incidents within our jurisdiction. Since changes in the law, making all individuals under 18 years of age juveniles, it was felt that our department should take proactive steps in knowing how to handle juvenile cases that come up. This training will be for two (2) weeks with her projected date of completion being August 2, 2019.

I wish the Council to approve the resignation of Part Time Dispatcher/Administration Clerk Ms. Ida Lalonde effective July 4, 2019. Ms. Lalonde has been instrumental in upgrading certain functions of our Department, including updating our filing system and streamlining our purchasing procedures. With the approval of the Council I will attempt to find another individual to handle the many functions overseen by Ms. Lalonde on a part time basis. An asset to this part time position is that the individual can fill in, whenever possible, on the Dispatch desk to cover for illness and vacations without expending overtime costs. Interviewing for this position will begin later this month.

I petition the Council to approve Barry Ard returning to a full time position within our Department as a Sergeant with pay of Grade 2 Step 24 (\$12.82 per hour). Having Sergeant Ard on our roster will greatly enhance our training, improve our day to day operations, and give us more opportunity to tweak our policies and procedures. His addition will fill that vacated by Patrol Deputy Amber Arnaud. Should the Council deem it necessary, Mr. Ard can retake the physical and drug screen prior to his coming on full time, which is projected for the end of this month or shortly after the beginning of the next.

I am currently revisiting the grant that was placed to procure a Ford SUV Police Vehicles. As some of you already know, the grant was disapproved due to not meeting ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards within our Town Hall building. I wish to again point out that we need not have all deficiencies made immediately but rather we can have a plan of action in terms of correcting the deficiencies with a projected date of completion. Also, the Town can also apply for a grant to correct the problems we have without spending the full amount for the repairs in one shot. Again, it is important that

we accomplish the ADA deficiencies in order for the Police Department and Town to be eligible for not only the current grant but for future ones.

This concludes the Arnaudville Police Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy J. LeCompte, Chief of Police