

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF WELSH
WELSH, LOUISIANA
MAY 7, 2019

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session at the Welsh Council Room on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Carolyn Louviere called the meeting to order and Mr. Donald Pickle led the pledge.

Roll call follows:

Present: Mayor Carolyn Louviere; Aldermen: Andrea King, Colby Perry, Robert Owens.

Absent: Rodney Trahan, Lawrence Mier.

Others in attendance: Richard Arceneaux, Town Attorney, Eva Kibodeaux, Town Clerk, Marcus Crochet, Police Chief, Michelle Ramagos, Recreation Director and John Hall, Fire Chief.

50. It was moved by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Ms. Andrea King to adopt the agenda of the day which consists of #060. Broussard Rentals zoning commission recommend to give him an exception at 608 E. Russell, #061. Adopt Welsh Police Dept. K-9 policy and procedure manual, #062. Farmer's Market, #063. Robert Owens. Motion carried. Vote 3-0.

51. It was moved by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Ms. Andrea King to approve the minutes of March 26, March 28, April 1, 2, & 23, 2019 as presented. Motion carried. Vote 3-0.

52. Mayor Carolyn Louviere opened public hearing for Proposition No. 278 "Adopting Budget for 2019 – 2020". Mayor Louviere read the budget letter going over the budget for 2019 - 2020. Alderman Robert Owens also stated that we had a deficit of over \$400,000 and with the help of the clerk, she was able to decrease it to \$190,000. Alderman Lawrence Mier entered the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Mr. Andrea King to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

53. The following resolution was introduced by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier.

RESOLUTION NO. 004-2019

Be it resolved, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2019 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Town of Welsh:

General Alimony 7.03 Mills

Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

54. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Ms. Andrea King.

RESOLUTION NO. 005-2019

A resolution for the Town of Welsh to transfer funds from General Fund To Welsh Police Equipment and Maintenance Bank Account.

Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

55. It was moved by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Ms. Andrea King to introduce Proposition #279 "An Ordinance amending Sec. 15-66 regulating the consumption of alcoholic beverages on public streets and in public parks. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

56. The following ordinance was moved for adoption by Robert Owens, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier.

PROPOSITION NO. 278 ORDINANCE NO. 780

"An Ordinance Amending, Adopting and Enacting a Budget for the Town of Welsh, Louisiana, for the fiscal year 2019 and 2020, and amending the Budget For the Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019"

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Andrea King, Lawrence Mier, Robert Owens.

Nays: Colby Perry.

Abstaining: None.

Absent: Rodney Trahan.

Motion carried. Vote 3-1-1.

57. It was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mr. Robert Owens to adopt the millage rate of 7.03 mills. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

58. Eddie Achan would like to have the Juneteenth Celebration at Richmond Park and wants to block streets and lift the open container in the park on June 22, 2019. It will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. It was moved by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Mr. Colby Perry to barricade the streets and lift the open container ban from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to set public hearing for June 4, 2019 to lift open container. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

59. John Navarre was not present for meeting, but Michelle Ramagos, Recreation Director stated that he had wanted the open container lifted for the Hathaway Alumni Tournament on June 28 – 30, 2019. It was moved by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Ms. Andrea to set public hearing for June 4, 2019 to lift open container. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.
60. It was moved by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Ms. Andrea King to amend the zoning ordinance to allow Broussard Rentals to add more storage buildings at 608 E. Russell to allow the 2' exception to build the additional units. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.
61. It was moved by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to adopt the Welsh Police Dept. K-9 policy and procedure manual as presented. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.
62. Mr. Charles Drake stated that the Farmers Market would start back Tuesday, May 28, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Old City Hall Square if it rains then it will be moved the Old Dollar Store building located on W. South St.
63. Alderman Robert Owens announced that he was resigning his alderman seat as of May 31, 2019. He also stated that he would like to appoint Charles Drake to his seat. But the Mayor stated that he called the Secretary of State and they stated that he had to wait on the notification from them before he could make any appointment.

Michelle Ramagos, Recreation Director reported that the baseball program is coming to an end. She also stated that the Town had a Circus come to town on Monday, May 6, 2019. It had a pretty good turnout.

John Hall, Fire Chief reported that they had two house fires within 6 days which is rare in the Town of Welsh. He stated that when they received the second call, they were preparing 930 plates for the honor's banquet. They went on the fire call. They received support from the police department and also the maintenance crew when it was all over. Then after the fire they went on to prepare the dinners and the police department came to lend a helping hand. He commended the Town for support that they received. The Mayor and Alderman commended and thanked the fire department for their tireless efforts to protect the Town.

64. There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

ATTEST:
EVA C. KIBODEAUX, TOWN CLERK

APPROVAL:
CAROLYN LOUVIERE, MAYOR