

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

TOWN OF WELSH
WELSH, LOUISIANA
AUGUST 5, 2014

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session in their regular meeting place, the Town Hall, on Tuesday, August 5, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Carolyn Louviere called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. Ms. Becky Hudson led the pledge.

Roll call follows:

Present: Mayor Carolyn Louviere; Aldermen Allen Ardoin, Charles Drake, Hugh Fruge,
Becky Hudson, Robert Owens

Absent: None

Others in attendance: Marcus Crochet, Police Officer; Michelle Ramagos, Recreation Director;
Richard Arceneaux, Town Attorney; Linda S. LeBlanc, Town Clerk

097. It was moved by Mr. Charles Drake, seconded by Mr. Robert Owens to adopt the Agenda of the Day which consisted of 108. Adoption Agreement for Dogs/Cats, 109. International Property Maintenance Code, 110. Sewer Lines.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Robert Owens, Hugh Fruge, Charles Drake, Becky Hudson, Allen Ardoin

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstaining: None

Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

098. It was moved by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Mr. Hugh Fruge to approve the minutes of June 1, 2014, as presented. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

099. Mayor Louviere opened the public hearing for Proposition No. 241 "Net Metering Interconnect Agreement" by explaining it pertained to solar energy and asked for comments. No comments were made.

It was moved by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Mr. Hugh Fruge to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

101. The following ordinance was moved for adoption by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Mr. Hugh Fruge.

PROPOSITION NO. 241 ORDINANCE NO. 747

An Ordinance Setting Interconnection Standards for Net Metering Facilities.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Robert Owens, Hugh Fruge, Charles Drake, Becky Hudson, Allen Ardoin

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstaining: None

Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

102. It was moved by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Mr. Hugh Fruge to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Fiscal Year ending May 31, 2014. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

100. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Charles Drake, seconded by Mr. Robert Owens.

RESOLUTION NO. 003-2014

A resolution to levy a millage rate for the 2014 Tax Roll on all property subject to taxation. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

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103. It was moved by Ms. Becky Hudson, seconded by Mr. Robert Owens to appoint Ms. Sherrie Lewis to fill Mr. Jimmy Cormier's unexpired commissioner's term ending September 1, 2016, on the Welsh Housing Authority Commission. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

It was moved by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Mr. Charles Drake to re-appoint Ms. Andrea King to the Welsh Housing Authority Commission with term ending September 1, 2019. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

104. Eddie Achan expressed his concerns on the lack of participation at the Juneteenth events.
105. Paul Achan expressed his concerns on the topic of public parks in Welsh.
106. The discussion of campers being allowed as residential use was deferred due to Mr. Pat Vanicor not being present at the meeting.
107. It was moved by Mr. Hugh Fruge, seconded by Mr. Charles Drake to accept Police Chief Marcus Crochet's recommendation to accept the resignation of Laura Mott as a full time dispatcher. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

It was moved by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Mr. Charles Drake to accept the recommendation of Police Chief Marcus Crochet to transfer Kristina Davy to a full time dispatcher position. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

It was moved by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Mr. Charles Drake to accept the recommendation of Police Chief Marcus Crochet to hire Robert Hicks as a part time police officer. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

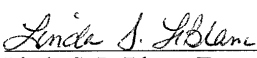
Police Chief Crochet informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of two police units being donated to the town by Calcasieu Parish Sheriff Tony Mancuso.

108. It was moved by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Mr. Hugh Fruge to adopt a Town of Welsh Pet Adoption Application and Agreement for dogs and cats adopted from the Town of Welsh Animal Shelter. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
109. It was moved by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Mr. Hugh Fruge to introduce Proposition No. 242 by title: "An Ordinance to Adopt the International Property Maintenance Code" and to set a public hearing for September 2, 2014.
Roll call vote:
Yeas: Robert Owens, Hugh Fruge, Charles Drake, Becky Hudson, Allen Ardoin
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstaining: None
Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
110. Mr. Allen Ardoin discussed the problems of aging sewer lines and suggested the town contact the town's grant consultant, Richard Minvielle of Minvielle & Associates to seek funding for sewer line repairs or replacements.

A newly formatted monthly financial report was presented and reviewed along with the regular budget report and the monthly sales tax report.

111. There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Hugh Fruge, seconded by Mr. Charles Drake to adjourn. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

ATTEST:


Linda S. LeBlanc, Town Clerk

APPROVAL


Carolyn Louviere, Mayor

The following resolution was introduced by Mr. Charles Drake, seconded by Mr. Robert Owens.

RESOLUTION NO. 003-2014

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2014 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Town of Welsh:

MILLAGE

General Alimony 7.29 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2014, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Robert Owens, Hugh Fruge, Charles Drake, Becky Hudson, Allen Ardoin

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution as adopted at the board meeting held on August 5, 2014, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Welsh, Louisiana, this 6th day of August, 2014.



Linda S. LeBlanc, Clerk