

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

TOWN OF WELSH
WELSH, LOUISIANA
FEBRUARY 5, 2019

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session at the Welsh Council Room on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Carolyn Louviere called the meeting to order and Mr. Lawrence Mier led the pledge.

Roll call follows:

Present: Mayor Carolyn Louviere; Aldermen: Andrea King, Rodney Trahan, Lawrence Mier, Colby Perry, Robert Owens.

Absent: None.

Others in attendance: Eva Kibodeaux, Interim Town Clerk; Tracy Goodwin, Co-Superintendent and Marcus Crochet, Police Chief

09. It was moved by Mr. Rodney Trahan, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to adopt the agenda of the day which consists of #015. Mr. Marcus Crochet to appoint Brian Benoit as a reserve officer, #016. Mr. Marcus Crochet to appoint Cyrus Golmaryami as a reserve officer, #017. Surplus 50 (300) gallon garbage cans and 200 (90) gallon garbage cans, and #018. Discuss 108 Cooper St. condemning of house. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
10. It was moved by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Ms. Andrea King to approve the minutes of January 8, 2019 as presented. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
11. Mayor Carolyn Louviere opened the public hearing for Proposition #274 to amend the "2018 – 2019" Budget. Mr. Colby Perry stated that the town is not investing money and we have no infrastructure projects. He said that the town is having more of deficit and can't keep doing this moving forward. Mr. Robert Owens suggested that we have a special meeting to go over the budget line item by line item to get this moving forward. There were no more comments. Mayor Louviere closed the public hearing.
12. The following ordinance was moved for adoption by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Mr. Rodney Trahan.

PROPOSITION NO. 274 ORINANACE NO. 777

An Ordinance amending a budget for the Town of Welsh, Louisiana, for the Fiscal Year 2018 – 2019.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Rodney Trahan, Lawrence Mier, Robert Owens

Nays: Andrea King, Colby Perry

Absent: None

Abstaining: None.

Motion carried. Vote 3-2.

13. It was moved by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Mr. Rodney Trahan to appoint Eva C. Kibodeaux, as the Town Clerk.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Andrea King, Rodney Trahan, Lawrence Mier, Colby Perry, Robert Owens.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstaining: None.

Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

It was moved by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Mr. Rodney Trahan to have a public hearing to amend Ordinance No. 594 for the Clerk's Compensation on March 12, 2019. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

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14. It was moved by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to surplus the 1994 Chevrolet Limb Truck Vin #1GBM7H1J0RJ109170. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
15. It was moved by Mr. Rodney Trahan, seconded by Mr. Robert Owens to accept the recommendation of Police Chief, Marcus Crochet to hire Brian Benoit as a reserve officer. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
16. It was moved by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Mr. Rodney Trahan to accept the recommendation of Police Chief, Marcus Crochet to hire Cyrus Golmaryami as a reserve officer. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

Marcus Crochet, Police Chief stated that the money was not budgeted to make the move from the current CID building to the Old City Hall. He is going to do the bare minimum construction for the securing the evidence room. He said he will have some figures for the next month meeting for the repairs.

17. It was moved by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Mr. Rodney Trahan to surplus 50 (300) gallon garbage cans and 200 (90) gallon garbage cans. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
18. Mayor Louviere discussed condemning the house located at 108 Cooper St. She stated that we have already sent them 4 different letters in regards to this piece of property. Rick Arceneaux, Town Attorney looked over letters. He stated that another letter will need to be to the property owner giving them 60 Days to respond and then it will be put on the April 2, 2019, agenda for discussion.

It was moved by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to send the property owners a letter to give them until April 2, 2019 council meeting to tend to property. Then the town demolish the house and it will be billed on their property taxes. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

Mayor Louviere stated that on Saturday, March 9, 2019, Entergy will be doing a power outage for the Town to change out a switch on Hwy 90. It will be out for approximately 4 hours. It will start at 10:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. They will have a movie night at the Town of Welsh Community Center from 5:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. They will have security at the Community Center. They will have state troopers to help patrol the Town while the electricity it out. They will be advertising in the media about the outage. They will also mail out flyers to the businesses to let them know. The Town will also do a call out to inform the public.

Mr. Robert Owens, questioned why the town workers were out reading meters on Sunday, January 27, 2019. He stated that they shouldn't be working overtime to read meters. That should be done during normal working hours.

Ms. Andrea King, questioned that someone was pulling out of the water plant on one of these nights January 29, 30 & 31, 2019 at 8:30 p.m. Tracy said he would like at the surveillance system.

19. There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Robert Owens and seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

ATTEST:

APPROVAL:

Eva C. Kibodeaux, Interim Town Clerk

Carolyn Louviere, Mayor