

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

TOWN OF WELSH

WELSH, LOUISIANA

OCTOBER 06, 2015

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in their regular meeting place, the Town Hall, on Tuesday, October 06, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Roll call follows:

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

Absent: None

Others in attendance: Stephanie Benoit, Town Clerk; Richard Arceneaux, Town Attorney; Tracy Goodwin, Co-Superintendent; Wayne Hebert, Co-Superintendent; Marcus Crochet, Chief of Police; Michelle Ramagos, Director of Parks and Recreation.

127. It was moved by Robert Owens, seconded by Hugh Fruge to adopt the Agenda of the day which consisted of 134. Christopher Schexnider, JDP Sheriff Election Candidate; 135. Edward Cormier, JDP Police Juror Election Candidate; 136. Jim Wright, JDP Police Juror Election Candidate; 137. Adrian Louviere, Golf Cart; 138. Allen Ardoin, proper drainage and catch basins; 139. Mark Richard, Cemeteries; 140. Ben Richard, Police Department; 141. Charles Drake, Sidewalks.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

128. It was moved by Robert Owens, seconded by Charles Drake to approve the minutes of September 1, 2015 as presented. Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

134. Christopher Schexnider, candidate running for JDP Sheriff introduced himself and talked about what he has to offer to JDP if he were elected as Sheriff.

135. Edward Cormier, candidate running for JDP Police Juror introduced himself and told about his accomplishments and what he has to offer to JDP if elected JDP Police Juror.

136. Jim Wright, candidate running for JDP Police Juror introduced himself and spoke about his beliefs and what he has to offer if elected as the next JDP Police Juror.

129. The following resolution was offered by Charles Drake, seconded by Hugh Fruge.

RESOLUTION NO. 009-2015

A resolution to levy a millage rate of 7.29 for the 2015 Tax Roll on all property subject to taxation. Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 010-2015

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements at the Welsh Airport. Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

131. The following resolution was offered by Robert Owens, seconded by Becky Hudson.
RESOLUTION NO. 011-2015

A resolution to advertise for bids for the construction of the 2014-2015 LCDBG Sewer Rehabilitation project with bids to be received at the Welsh Town Hall, 201 S. Elm St., Welsh, LA 70591 on November 2, 2015, at 2:00 PM, and then at that time and at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

132. Robert Owens introduced some changes that he and the Public Works department would like to implement in the "Solid Waste" Ordinance.
It was moved by Hugh Fruge, seconded by Robert Owens to introduce by Title: "Amend Solid Waste Ordinance" and Set Public Hearing for November 3, 2015.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

133. It was moved by Charles Drake, seconded by Hugh Fruge to set Trick or Treat for the Town of Welsh for October 31, 2015 from 5pm-7pm. Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

Michelle Ramagos, Director of Recreation, reported that Welsh hosted a Football Tournament for Opening day September 19, 2015 with 14 teams. Of the 14 teams, 7 were teams from Welsh and over 600 Spectators came. This coming weekend, Welsh will host again. Next week will start Soccer Registration for the Town of Welsh.

Wayne Hebert, Co-superintendent reported that the last catch basin is being installed on Prudhomme and Welsh Street.

Tracy Goodwin, Co-Superintendent reported that the final phase of the Sub Station is complete and it should make a big difference in our Electrical area.

137. Adrian Louviere would like for the Mayor and Board of Alderman to amend the Golf Cart Ordinance to allow him to use his Golf Cart in Town Roads without a Driver's License.
It was moved by Becky Hudson, seconded by Hugh Fruge to introduce to amend the Golf Cart Ordinance and set a public hearing for November 3, 2015.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

138. Allen Ardoin voiced his concern on proper drainage in the Town and making sure catch basins are installed.
139. Mark Richard gave a recommendation to the Town to contact Survey Companies that provided maps of the Cemeteries to the Town to provide a computerized map that can be given to Citizens when they go to the Town to purchase plots or who have already purchased a plot so it can be located easily and the Town doesn't have to pull out the big map located at City Hall.
140. Ben Richard came to make a complaint in regards to the Police Department that was already handled through the Chief of Police.

141. Charles Drake wanted to know how the Town decided which sidewalks would be replaced or repaired first and The Mayor stated that they are repairing the worst first. Charles Drake reported that sidewalks need to be looked at to be replaced and repaired on the 900 and 1200 blocks of MLK.

142. There being no further business, it was moved by Becky Hudson, seconded by Hugh Fruge to adjourn. Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

ATTEST:

APPROVAL:

Stephanie Benoit, Town Clerk

Carolyn Louviere, Mayor