

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

TOWN OF WELSH
WELSH, LOUISIANA
NOVEMBER 1, 2022

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session at the Welsh Council Room on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Karl Arceneaux called the meeting to order and Mrs. Jackie Balmer delivered the invocation. Mr. Clint Hardy led the pledge.

Roll call follows:

Present: Mayor Karl Arceneaux; Aldermen: Andrea King, Ronnie Hayes, Lawrence Mier, Clint Hardy, Jackie Balmer.

Absent: None.

Others in attendance: Eva Kibodeaux, Town Clerk, Richard Arceneaux, Town Attorney, Marcus Crochet, Police Chief and Robbie Vanicor, Recreation Director.

156. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to adopt the agenda of the day which consists of #169. Marcus Crochet, Police Chief hire Austin Mouton full time patrolman, #170. Discuss leasing of garbage truck, and #171. Alan Morgan discuss zoning. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
157. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to approve the minutes of October 4, 2022 as presented. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
158. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to approve the financial statement for September 30, 2022. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
163. It was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to give Ms. Lamikka Prudhomme time to move the camper from the house and get a building permit for the construction of the porch. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
164. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to give Mr. Ryan Giggar 120 days to demolish the home located at 310 Louviere St. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
171. Mr. Alan Morgan complained about the house located at 406 S. Polk St. They have between 20 to 30 individuals leaving in this home year around. Mayor Arceneaux stated that we would send the owner of the property a letter letting him know that this is not allowed in our zoning ordinance.
159. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 326 Ordinance No. 828 to increase traffic fines. There were no comments.
It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
160. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Ms. Andrea King to introduce Proposition No. 327 Ordinance No. 829 to increase water rates and set public hearing on December 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
161. It was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to introduce Proposition No. 328 Ordinance No. 830 to increase sewer rates and set public hearing on December 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
162. The following ordinance was moved for adoption by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer.

PROPOSITION NO. 326 ORDINANCE NO. 828

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An ordinance to increase traffic & misdemeanor fines in accordance with Section 1-8, General Penalty, and Section 20-2, Traffic and Motor Vehicles adopted for Town of Welsh Code of Ordinances.

Yeas: Andrea King, Ronnie Hayes, Lawrence Mier, Clint Hardy, Jackie Balmer

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstaining: None

Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

165. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to reappoint Mr. Ronnie Petree to the Jeff Davis Economic Development Board. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

166. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to accept the resignation of Mr. Bengt Lindell and replace with Mr. Chuck Abell on the Welsh Housing Authority Board. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

167. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to block off W. South from S. Adams to S. Elms St. for Downtown Welsh Christmas Event on Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

168. It was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to block off W. South from S. Adams to S. Elms and block off S. Elms from Railroad Ave to W. Hudspeth St. for Community Worship on Saturday, December 10, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

169. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to accept the recommendation of Marcus Crochet, Police Chief to hire Austin Mouton as full time patrolman with a 90 day probation period. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

170. Mayor Arceneaux discussed the situation with the problems of the garbage trucks with the alderman. He gave them the option of either leasing a garbage truck or contracting the service out. Everyone agreed it would be better to keep the service with the Town instead of contracting it out.

Robbie Vanicor gave a report on the status of the peewee football program. He stated that Golden Age of Welsh donated all food for the barbeque for the recreation fundraiser.

Mayor Arceneaux gave a report on the bids for the street project, replacement of water lines on Willard St. and the increase in the cost of liability insurance.

172. There being no further business, it was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

ATTEST:

APPROVAL:

EVA C. KIBODEAUX, TOWN CLERK

KARL ARCENEAUX, MAYOR