

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

TOWN OF WELSH
WELSH, LOUISIANA
JANUARY 7, 2020

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session at the Welsh Council Room on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, 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, Jackie Balmer.

Absent: None.

Others in attendance: Eva Kibodeaux, Town Clerk, Michelle Ramagos, Recreation Director, Tracy Goodwin, Co-Superintendent and Marcus Crochet, Police Chief.

001. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Rodney Trahan to adopt the agenda of which consists of #013. Introduce Proposition #289 Ordinance #791 to amend the flood ordinance, and #014. Mr. Dale Trahan to discuss Short St. property. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
002. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Rodney Trahan to approve minutes for the December 3, 2019 did check notes from November 5, 2019 meeting the minutes were correct with the right wording on Item #134. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
009. Mr. Jason Guillory from McElroy, Quirk and Burch gave an audit report for the Town of Welsh. He stated overall the Town of Welsh had a good audit. The only write ups were the segregation of duties and the controls over financial reporting. Then he stated the Town need to write a set of accounting procedures.
It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Rodney Trahan to approve the audit as it was presented. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
003. Mr. Richard Arceneaux stated that we have accepted the withdrawal for the zoning change. Now the need to reapply for the zoning change Block 2 West & West Sub.
004. Mayor Carolyn Louviere opened the public hearing for Proposition No. 288 Ordinance No. 790 to lift open container for the Welsh Mardi Gras event. Ms. Chelsey Duplichan by saying they will be starting the country and in town run at 8:30 a.m. Then Marcus Crochet, Police Chief took over with the presentation. He stated that the Pub will be serving alcohol from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The streets being blocked off will be W. South St @ S. Adams St, W. South St @ S. Polk St, S Elms St @ RR Ave, & S. Elms St @ W Hudspeth St. He stated that the lift will be effect from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
005. The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier.

RESOLUTION NO. 001-2020

A resolution in support of the 2020 United States Census. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

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006. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Rodney Trahan, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 002-2020

A resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to conduct a feasibility study to replace the Interstate 10 roadway lighting system, commit the required local ten percent match and authorize the Mayor to enter into agreements with the state. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

013. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Rodney Trahan to introduce Proposition No. 289 Ordinance No. 791 to amend the flood ordinance.
Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Andrea King, Rodney Trahan, Lawrence Mier, Colby Perry, Jackie Balmer
Nays: None.
Abstaining: None.
Absent: None.
Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

008. The following ordinance was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mr. Rodney Trahan.

PROPOSTION NO. 288 ORDIANCE NO. 290

An ordinance amending Sec. 15-66 regulating the consumption of Alcoholic beverages on public streets and in public parks.

Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Andrea King, Rodney Trahan, Lawrence Mier, Colby Perry, Jackie Balmer
Nays: None.
Abstaining: None.
Absent: None.
Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

011. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Rodney Trahan to approve to transfer Whitlea Cormier from a part time dispatcher position to a full time dispatcher position. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
012. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to accept Marcus Crochet, Police Chief recommendation to surplus 2007 Ford Crown Victoria VIN# 2FAFP71W77X134832 and 2008 Ford Crown Victoria VIN# 2FAHP71V68X155611 to be sold at Kenjabruch auction. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

Michelle Ramagos, Recreation Director stated that she will be accepting baseball registration at the end of this month until February. She also wanted to thank Wayne Hebert, Co-Superintendent and Tracy Goodwin, Co-Superintendent for sending some town employees to help with the weedeating and painting at Sportsman Park.

Marcus Crochet, Police Chief stated that there would be 30 to 40 floats that will be participating in the Welsh Mardi Gras Parade. The parade route will be a different route than normal because of the size of the floats. We will start at the North Service Rd. and turn south on Hwy 99. The parade will just go down Hwy 99 to State Farm. He will also get in touch with local media outlets to let everyone know about the Welsh Mardi Gras parade and the changed parade route.

014. Mr. Dale Trahan complained about the 211 Short St. about the condition of the fence around the swimming pool and truck trailer that has been there for some time and now they have moved a wrecked vehicle on this lot. He stated that they have complained about this property in the past and nothing gets followed thru with. Eva C. Kibodeaux, stated she had mailed him a letter in December in reference to the vehicle but she couldn't remember when it was done. Then Richard Arceneaux, Town Attorney asked if the letter had been mailed certified and she said no she didn't think so. Then Richard

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Arceneaux, Town Attorney stated that another letter needed to be sent to him certified in reference to the vehicle.

015. There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Rodney Trahan, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

ATTEST:

APPROVAL:

EVA C. KIBODEAUX, TOWN CLERK

CAROLYN LOUVIERE, MAYOR