

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

TOWN OF WELSH  
WELSH, LOUISIANA  
MAY 4, 2021

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session at the Welsh Council Room on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Karl Arceneaux called the meeting to order and Mrs. Jackie Balmer delivered the invocation. Mr. Lawrence Mier 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, and Marcus Crochet, Police Chief.

075. It was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to adopt the agenda of the day which consists of #095. Zoning board made recommendation to add as a conditional use under Residential District day care center to set public hearing for June 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., #096. Zoning board made recommendation to allow Lucinda Viney to move forward with renovation of home at 1201 Martin Luther King and allowed her to be 8 feet from back of property and #097. Marcus Crochet, Police Chief to hire Ben Richard as full time patrolman with 90 day probation period.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Abstaining: None.

Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

076. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to approve the minutes of April 6, 12, & 19, 2021 as presented. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

077. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 304 Ordinance No. 806 to lift the open container for the Downtown Throwdown on May 7, 2021. There were no comments.

It was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

078. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 305 Ordinance No. 807 to amend the 2020 – 2021 budget. Alderman Andrea King just asked why we were amending the budget. The clerk explained that we had excess of revenues and some decreases in revenues that needed to be amended and we had excess of expenses and some decreases in expenses that needed to be amended. There being no other comments. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

079. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 306 Ordinance No. 808 to adopt the 2021 – 2022 budget. There were no comments.

It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

080. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Ms. Andrea King to introduce Proposition No. 307 Ordinance No. 809 to lift open container for Hathaway Alumni Tournament set the public hearing for June 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

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081. It was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to introduce Proposition No. 308 Ordinance No. 810 to lift open container for Juneteenth set the public hearing for June 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
082. It was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to introduce Proposition No. 309 Ordinance 811 to amend the water rates set the public hearing for June 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
083. It was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to introduce Proposition No. 310 Ordinance No. 812 to amend the sewer rates set the public hearing for June 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
084. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to introduce Proposition No. 311 Ordinance No.813 to surplus old light & water plant set the public hearing for June 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
085. It was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to introduce Proposition No. 313 Ordinance No. 815 to surplus old dollar general building set the public hearing for June 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
086. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to introduce Proposition No. 312 Ordinance No. 814 to lift open container for Old Time Hometown Celebration set the public hearing on June 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
087. The following Ordinance was moved for adoption by Mrs. Jackie Balmer and seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier.
- PROPOSITION NO. 304 ORDINANCE NO. 806
- An Ordinance amending Sec. 15-66 regulating the consumption of alcoholic beverages on public streets and in public parks.
- Roll call vote follows:  
Yeas: Andrea King, Ronnie Hayes, Lawrence Mier, Clint Hardy, Jackie Balmer  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstaining: None  
Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
088. The following ordinance was moved for adoption by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes.
- PROPOSITION NO. 305 ORDINANCE NO. 807
- An Ordinance amending a budget for the Town of Welsh, Louisiana,  
For the Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021.
- Roll call vote follows:  
Yeas: Andrea King, Ronnie Hayes, Lawrence Mier, Clint Hardy, Jackie Balmer  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstaining: None  
Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
089. The following ordinance was moved for adoption by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Clint Hardy.
- PROPOSTION NO. 306 ORDINANCE NO. 808
- An Ordinance amending, adopting and enacting a budget for the Town of Welsh, Louisiana, for the Fiscal Year 2021 and 2022, and amending the budget for the Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022.
- Roll call vote follows:  
Yeas: Andrea King, Ronnie Hayes, Lawrence Mier, Clint Hardy, Jackie Balmer  
Nays: None

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Absent: None  
Abstaining: None  
Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

090. It was moved by Mr. Clint Hardy, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to declare Old Time Hometown Celebration a special event on July 3, 2021. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
091. Mr. Craig Daniel didn't attend the meeting.  
It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to condemn the property located at 211 Short St. send Mr. Craig Daniel a letter letting him know we condemned the property and the concrete needs to be removed, the pool needs to be back filled and the pool house needs to be torn down. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
092. CFT Global condemning of 509 N. Adams St. was deferred until next month.
093. Shujat Holding Company condemning of 101 E. Russell Ave. They contacted Mr. Rodney Richard notified him that he would remove the awning by Friday, May 7, 2021. It was deferred until June 7, 2021.
094. It was moved Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to give 60 days to Mr. Dwayne Miller to remove the home located at 709 Martin Luther King also put on July 6, 2021 agenda to make sure he removed the home. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
095. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to introduce Proposition No. 314 Ordinance No. 816 to amend the conditional uses in Residential District set the public hearing for June 1, 2021. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
096. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Board to allow Lucinda Viney to move forward with the addition of her home located at 1201 Martin Luther King to allow her to be 8 feet from the back of the property. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
097. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to accept the recommendation from Marcus Crochet, Police Chief to hire Ben Richard as a full time patrolman with a 90 day probation period. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
098. There being no further business, it was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Ms. Andrea King to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

ATTEST:

APPROVAL:

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EVA C. KIBODEAUX, TOWN CLERK

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KARL ARCENEUX, MAYOR