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

TOWN OF WELSH

WELSH, LOUISIANA

JUNE 3, 2025

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session at the Welsh Council Room on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Karl Arceneaux called the meeting to order. Ms. Jackie Balmer delivered the invocation. Mr. Melward Doucet Jr. led the pledge.

Roll call as follows:

Present: Aldermen: Andrea King, Chuck Abell, Lawrence Mier, Melward Doucet, Jr., Jackie Balmer. Mayor Karl Arceneaux

083. It was moved by Ms. Balmer and seconded by Mr. Doucet to adopt the Agenda of the day to add the following:

a Jackie Balmer regarding Chief of Police

b. Termination of the Town Clerk and take appropriate actions

c. Eddie Achan to discuss Juneteenth Celebration

Roll call was taken and all were in favor, motion carried.

084. It was moved by Ms. Balmer and seconded by Mr. Doucet Jr. to approve the

minutes from the meetings held on May 6, 2025, May 19, 2025, and May 20, 2025 as presented. Motion carried.

085. It was moved by Mr. Mier, seconded by Mr. Doucet to approve

the monthly financial report for April as presented. Motion carried

086.The following resolution was offered by Ms. Balmer and seconded by Mr. Abell.

RESOLUTION 005-2025

A resolution for the Town of Welsh to transfer funds from General Fund to Welsh Police Equipment and Maintenance Bank Account. Motion carried.

087. It was moved by Ms. Balmer and seconded by Mr. Abell to accept the recommendation of the inspecter, Mr. Richard, to condemn the mobile home located at 205 Sonnier St and give the owners 30 day to have the trailer demolished and removed. Motion carried.

088. It was moved by Ms. King and seconded by Mr. Mier to lift the open container law on June 13, 2025 thru June 15, 2025 as requested by Ms Shontell Prudhomme for the Welsh/Roanoke Reunion. Motion carried.

089. Ms. Balmer made a motion and it was seconded by Mr. Doucet to adopt the Jennings Daily News as the Official Journal from June 1, 2025 thru May 31, 2026. Motion carried.

090. A motion was made by Mr. Mier and seconded by Ms King to lift the open container law On June 20, 2025 and June 21, 2025 for the Hathaway Alumni Tournament at Sportsman Park as requested by Jacob Crochet. Motion carried.

091. It was moved by Ms. King and seconded by Ms. Balmer to lift the open container law on July 18 and July 19, 2025 for the Welsh Alumni Tournament at Sportsman Park. Motion carried.

092. It was moved by Ms. Balmer and seconded by Mr. Doucet to introduce Proposition 349 Ordinance 851 to set pay for the Police Chief and set a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 1, 2025. Motion carried.

093. It was moved by Ms. Balmer and seconded by Ms. King to terminate the appointment of Eva Kibodeaux as Town of Clerk. Roll Call was taken and all were in favor.

094. It was moved by Ms. Balmer and seconded by Mr. Mier to appoint Catherine H Hicks as Town Clerk. Roll Call was taken and motion carried.

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093. The following resolution was offered by Ms. Balmer and seconded by Mr. Doucet:

RESOLUTION 006-2025

A Resolution that all checks, drafts, notes or orders for the Town of Welsh accounts be signed by Catherine H Hicks, Town Clerk, Mayor Karl Arceneaux, and/or Mayor Pro-Tempore Jackie Balmer at Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), Home Bank, JD Bank, and The Bank. Roll Call. Motion Carried.

094. It was moved by Ms. Balmer and seconded by Mr. Mier to introduce Prop 350 Ordinance 852 to amend Sec 2- 43 to set the salary of the town clerk and set a public hearing on Tuesday, July 1, 2025. Roll Call vote was taken and motion carried.

093.Mr. Skip Broussard, owner of 90 One Stop spoke in favor of increasing the salary of the Police Chief.

094. Mr. Eddie Achan notified the council that there will be a Juneteenth Celebration at Richmond Park June 19, 2025, June 20, 2025 and requested that the council lift the open container law for June 21, 2025. Ms. Balmer made a motion to lift the open container law and Mr. Mier seconded the motion and motion carried.

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Balmer and seconded by Ms. King to adjourn the meeting.

ATTEST: APPROVAL:

CATHERINE H HICKS, TOWN CLERK KARL ARCENEAUX, MAYOR

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