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

 TOWN OF WELSH

 WELSH, LOUISIANA

 October 7, 2025

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session at the Welsh Council Room on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Karl Arceneaux called the meeting to order. The invocation and pledge were recited.

Roll call as follows:

Present: Aldermen: Jackie Balmer, Chuck Abell, Lawrence Mier, Melward Doucet, Jr., and Mayor Karl Arceneaux., Legal Counsel: Rick Arceneaux. Absent: Andrea King

There was no Agenda of the Day.

Mr. Burton Kolder, Kolder, Slaven & Company LLC, gave the report on the audit for the Fiscal Year ending May 31, 2025. Mr. Kolder reported on all funds and all funds were in order. Mr. Mier made the motion and Ms. Balmer seconded to accept the audit for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2025. All were in favor and motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Balmer to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 2, 2025. The motion was seconded by Mr. Doucet. Motion carried.

Ms. Balmer made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Abell to accept the financials for August 2025 as presented. Motion carried.

A Public Hearing was held on Ordinance 855 in connection with an increase in water and sewer rates. One comment was made on the condition of our water system. No other comments were made, and Ms. Balmer made the motion to close the public hearing, Mr. Mier seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

Mr. Doucet made a motion to adopt Ordinance 855 to increase the water and sewer rates effective November 1, 2025. Vote 4 – 0 in favor. Motion carried.

 Yeas: Balmer, Doucet, Mier, Abell

 Nay: 0

 Abstain: 0

 Absent: King

A motion was made by Ms. Balmer to adopt Resolution 11-2025 to transfer funds to the TED account for the months of April and May 2025. Mr. Doucet seconded. All were in favor and motion carried.

Mr. Mier made a motion, and it was seconded by Mr. Doucet to adopt Resolution 12-2025 in connection with future development of the Town of Welsh Airport. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

 Yeas: Balmer, Doucet, Mier, Abell

 Nay: 0

 Abstain: 0

 Absent: King

The Council set Trick or Treat for Thursday, October 30, 2025, from 6 PM to 8 PM. Mr. Mier made the motion, and it was seconded by Ms. Balmer. All were in favor and motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Mier and seconded by Mr. Doucet to adopt the Town of Welsh Video Policy for open meetings. All were in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Abell made a motion to appoint Jay Fear to the board of the Welsh Housing Authority with a 4 year term to expire 9/1/2029. Ms. Balmer seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried.

Ms. Balmer made a motion to authorize the application for a credit card account thru JD Bank and to further authorize that cards are issued in the names of Karl Arceneaux, Mayor and Catherine Hicks, Clerk. Mr. Mier seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

The Council approved a request from Shayla Trahan to approve the Shayla Trahan Subdivision for lots located on Madge Street. Mr. Mier made the motion, seconded by Mr. Doucet. Motion carried.

Ms. Balmer made a motion to increase customer deposit fees for residential customers from $200.00 to $250.00 and Commercial customers from $300.00 to $350.00 effective November 1, 2025.

A motion by Ms. Balmer was made and seconded by Mr. Doucet to close the 100 and 200 blocks of West South St and the 100 and 200 blocks of South Elm for the Homecoming/Rock the Block Festival on Friday, October 24, 2025, and Saturday, October 25, 2025.

There being no further business, Ms. Balmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Mier seconded. Motion carried.

ATTEST: APPROVAL:

CATHERINE H HICKS, TOWN CLERK KARL ARCENEAUX, MAYOR

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