

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

TOWN OF WELSH
WELSH, LOUISIANA
OCTOBER 3, 2023

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session at the Welsh Council Room on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Karl Arceneaux called the meeting to order. Mrs. Jackie Balmer delivered the invocation. Mr. Lawrence Mier led the pledge.

Roll call follows:

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

Absent: Ronnie Hayes.

Others in attendance: Eva Kibodeaux, Town Clerk, and Richard Arceneaux, Town Attorney.

121. It was moved by Mr. Clint Hardy, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to adopt the agenda of the day which consists of #138. Michael Marcantel 308 W. Hudspeth would like zoning exception & #139. Introduce Prop. #339 Ord. No. 841 amending building and building regulations to set public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.
122. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to approve the minutes of September 5, 2023 as presented. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.
123. It was moved by Mr. Clint Hardy, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to approve the financial statement for August 31, 2023. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.
124. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 334 Ordinance No. 836 to enter into a franchise agreement with Brightspeed. There were no comments. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to closed the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.
125. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 335 Ordinance No. 837 to implement building codes. There were no comments. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy, to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.
126. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 336 Ordinance No. 838 to sell the old dollar store building. There were no comments. It was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier, to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.
127. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 337 Ordinance No. 839 to develop the Welsh Economic Development District No. 1. There were no comments. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Ms. Andrea King, to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.
128. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Clint Hardy, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer.

RESOLUTION 014-2023

A resolution to awarding bid to R. E. Heidt for Runway Rehabilitation.
Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

129. The following resolution was offered by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier.

RESOLUTION 015-2023

A resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign agreement for I-10 lightning.

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Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

130. The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy.

RESOLUTION 016-2023

A resolution to authorizing the publication of a notice of intention to levy a sales tax in Welsh Economic Development District No. 1, State of Louisiana, under the authority of Part II, Chapter 27, of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

131. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to introduce Proposition No. 338 Ordinance No. 840 to levy the sales tax for the Welsh Economic Development District No. 1 and set public hearing for Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

132. The following ordinance was moved for adoption by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy.

PROPOSITION NO. 334 ORDINANCE NO. 836

An Ordinance granting a franchise to Brightspeed of Louisiana, LLC, F/K/A CenturyLink of Louisiana, LLC of Louisiana, on behalf of itself and its operating affiliates to operate and maintain a telecommunications system in the Town of Welsh.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ronnie Hayes

Abstaining: None

Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

133. The following ordinance was moved for adoption by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Ms. Andrea King.

PROPOSITION NO. 335 ORDINANCE NO. 837

An Ordinance amending building code Ordinance No. 670, for the Town of Welsh, Louisiana, providing for the updated building codes.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ronnie Hayes

Abstaining: None

Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

134. The following ordinance was moved for adoption by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Ms. Andrea King.

PROPOSITION NO. 336 ORDINANCE NO. 838

An ordinance authorizing the sale and/or lease of immovable property no longer needed for a public purpose, fixing the minimum price to be accepted, fixing the terms of the sale and/or lease and to address other matters relative thereto.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ronnie Hayes

Abstaining: None

Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

135. The following ordinance was moved for adoption by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy.

PROPOSITION NO. 337 ORDINANCE NO. 839

An ordinance creating the Welsh Economic Development District No. 1, State of Louisiana, in accordance with and as authorized by Part II of Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes

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of 1950, as amended; defining the boundaries thereof; and providing
for other matters in connection therewith.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ronnie Hayes

Abstaining: None

Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

136. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to set the hours for Trick or Treat from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

137. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Ms. Andrea King to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Contract with Building Code Inspection Services, LLC for inspection services and approve the fee schedule. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

138. It was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to approve zoning exception for Michael Marcantel at 308 W. Hudspeth St. to build a porch and ramp. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

139. It was moved by Mr. Clint Hardy, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to introduce Proposition No. 339 Ordinance No. 841 amending building and building regulations and set public hearing on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

140. There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

ATTEST:

APPROVAL:

EVA C. KIBODEAUX, TOWN CLERK

KARL ARCENEUX, MAYOR