

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

TOWN OF WELSH

WELSH, LOUISIANA

JULY 3, 2018

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session at the Welsh Town Hall on Tuesday, July 3, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Carolyn Louviere called the meeting to order and Rodney Trahan led the pledge.

Roll call follows:

Present: Mayor Carolyn Louviere; Aldermen: Rodney Trahan, Lawrence Mier, Colby Perry and Robert Owens.

Absent: None

Others in attendance: Eva Kibodeaux, Book Keeper; Rick Arceneaux, Town Attorney; Michelle Ramagos, Director of Parks and Recreation; Marcus Crochet, Police Chief.

059. It was moved by Robert Owens, seconded by Lawrence Mier to adopt the Agenda of the Day which consisted of: 069. Darwin Brown-Water; 070. Colby Perry-Information; 071. Jill VanNess-Electricity.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Rodney Trahan, Lawrence Mier, Colby Perry, Robert Owens

Nays: None

Absent: Andrea King

Abstaining: None

Motion Carried. Vote 4-0.

060. It was moved by Robert Owens, seconded by Rodney Trahan to approve the minutes of June 5, 2018 as presented. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0.

Andrea King entered meeting at 6:03 p.m.

061. Mayor, Carolyn Louviere opened the public hearing. Robert Owens discussed what changes would be made and fee amounts. It was moved by Rodney Trahan, seconded by Robert Owens to close the public hearing. Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

062. The following resolution was offered by Rodney Trahan, seconded by Lawrence Mier.

RESOLUTION NO. 004-2018

A resolution to adopt R.S. 39:1645 for the Purchase of Used Equipment.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Andrea King, Rodney Trahan, Lawrence Mier, Colby Perry, and Robert Owens

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstaining: None

Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

063. The following resolution was offered by Rodney Trahan, seconded by Lawrence Mier.

RESOLUTION NO. 005-2018

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

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Andrea King, Rodney Trahan, Lawrence Mier, Colby Perry, and Robert Owens

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstaining: None

Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

064. The following resolution was offered by Robert Owens, seconded by Rodney Trahan.

RESOLUTION NO. 006-2018

A resolution for the Town of Welsh to set millage rate.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Andrea King, Rodney Trahan, Lawrence Mier, Colby Perry, and Robert Owens

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstaining: None

Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

065. The following was moved for adoption by Robert Owens, seconded by Rodney Trahan.

PROPOSITION NO. 273 ORDINANCE NO. 776

An Ordinance to amend Animal Ordinance.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Andrea King, Rodney Trahan, Lawrence Mier, Colby Perry, and Robert Owens

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstaining: None

Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

066. It was moved by Robert Owens, seconded by Rodney Trahan to accept the recommendation of Police Chief, Marcus Crochet, to hire Aaron Ardoin as a Full-Time Patrolman after the Police Academy and with a 90 day probationary period. Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

It was moved by Robert Owens, seconded by Lawrence Mier to accept the recommendation of Police Chief, Marcus Crochet, to hire Andy Vernell as a Full-Time Patrolman with a 90 day probationary period. Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

It was moved by Robert Owens, seconded by Rodney Trahan to accept the recommendation of Police Chief, Marcus Crochet, to hire Mark Hanks as a Reserve Officer. Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

067. It was moved by Rodney Trahan, seconded by Robert Owens to surplus old baseball equipment to trash or send to the Dominican Republic. Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

068. It was moved by Rodney Trahan, seconded by Robert Owens to approve alcohol permit for Stuckey Travel Center, LLC. Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

069. A Welsh Citizen, Darwin Brown, spoke on concerns regards to the brown water and bad smell to the water in some areas of the Town. Mayor Louviere expressed that we are still working on the water problems in the Town. Rodney Trahan said we need to put Automatic Flush Valves in some areas. The Town has been doing this and will be ordering more. Ms. Elizabeth Fruge has appliances that are ruined. She also said she hasn't had any progress with the Automatic Flush Valve put in at her home. Darwin said he has flushed his hot water heater out five times and is still having bad water problems. Jill Van Ness said the Town is bandaging the water lines.

070. Colby Perry said that Citizens have approached him regarding doubling of water rates and asking about \$100 disconnect fee. He stated that the Town can't charge a fee if the Citizen is not disconnected.

071. Jill Van Ness was asking if our electrical rates went up because her bill was higher this month. Rates did not go up but it has been extremely hot. She requested a re-read on her meter.

Michelle Ramagos, Director of Parks and Recreation, reported on baseball. She said they are now in the All Star season and have been playing in Crowley, Iowa, and Kinder. Two Teams took Championships in Youngsville. Welsh Alumni Tournament will be held on July 19, 20, and 21, 2018.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVAL:

Stephanie Benoit, Town Clerk

Carolyn Louviere, Mayor