

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

TOWN OF WELSH

WELSH, LOUISIANA
MAY 1, 2018

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session at the Welsh Town Hall on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Carolyn Louviere called the meeting to order and Lawrence Mier led the pledge.

Roll call follows:

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

Absent: None

Others in attendance: Stephanie Benoit, Town Clerk; Rick Arceneaux, Town Attorney; Michelle Ramagos, Director of Parks and Recreation; Tracy Goodwin, Superintendent.

031. It was moved by Robert Owens, seconded by Lawrence Mier to adopt the Agenda of the Day which consisted of: 042. Darwin Brown-Water; 043. Eddie Achan- Juneteenth; 044. Marcus Crochet-Hiring of two PT Dispatchers; 045. Rusty Reeves-LRWA and Steve Belshi -C&L Aqua Pro.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstaining: None

Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

032. It was moved by Robert Owens, seconded by Rodney Trahan to approve the minutes of April 3, 2018 as presented. Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

033. Not Present-Will be put on Agenda for June 5, 2018 meeting.

045. Steve Belshi with C & L Aqua Pro and Rusty Reeves with LRWA gave an in detail report on what happened and what is going on with the Town's water issues. Many citizens were in attendance to voice their concerns.

040. Horse Tale Treasures would like to close the street between their building and Home Bank on Saturday, May 5, 2018, for Welsh Trade Days for about 15 vendors. It was moved by Robert Owens, seconded by Rodney Trahan. Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

034. The Mayor opened the public hearing to amend the Open Container Ordinance for the Welsh-Roanoke Reunion to lift the alcohol ban from 10am-7:30pm. It was moved by Robert Owens, seconded by Lawrence Mier to close the public hearing. Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

035. The Mayor opened the public hearing to amend, adopt, and enact budget. It was moved by Andrea King and seconded by Colby Perry to have another budget meeting to discuss further before the next regular scheduled council meeting. Motion Carried. Vote 5-0. It was moved by Rodney Trahan, seconded by Robert Owens to close the public hearing. Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

036. The Mayor opened the public hearing to amend the Animal Control Ordinance. It was moved by Robert Owens and seconded by Andrea King to close the public hearing and defer until the June 5, 2018 meeting. Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

037. The following was moved for adoption by Robert Owens, seconded by Lawrence Mier.

PROPOSITION NO. 271 ORDINANCE NO. 774

An Ordinance Amending the Open Container Ordinance.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstaining: None
Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

038. Deferred.

039. Deferred.

041. The following announcement was given:

Announcement is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 201 S. Elms Street, Welsh, Louisiana, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Town of Welsh to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax.

It was explained that this is a 1% renewal tax for the Town of Welsh.

042. Darwin Brown expressed his concerns and was upset about bedding being ruined along with other items at his home because of the water issue. Questions and concerns were answered and discussed during the presentation from LRWA and C & L Aqua Pro.

043. Eddie Achan wanted to lift the alcohol ban for Juneteenth but this is already in an ordinance that allows for this.

044. It was moved by Rodney Trahan, seconded by Lawrence Mier to accept the Police Chief's recommendation to hire Elizabeth Duhon as a PT Dispatcher. Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

It was moved by Rodney Trahan, seconded by Robert Owens to accept the Police Chief's recommendation to hire Jamie Festervand as a PT Dispatcher. Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVAL:

Stephanie Benoit, Town Clerk

Carolyn Louviere, Mayor