

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

TOWN OF WELSH  
WELSH, LOUISIANA  
DECEMBER 8, 2020

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session at the Welsh Council Room on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Roll call follows:

Present: Mayor Carolyn Louviere; Aldermen: Andrea King, Rodney Trahan, Lawrence Mier, Colby Perry, Jackie Balmer.

Absent: None.

Others in attendance: Eva Kibodeaux, Town Clerk, Michelle Ramagos, Recreation Director, Tracy Goodwin, Co-Superintendent and Keeley Pitre, Animal Control Officer.

126. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to adopt the agenda of the day which consists of #135. Resolution 009-2020 to grant Mayor permission to sign the LGAP & CWEG grants, #136. Alderman Jackie Balmer, #137. Alderman Colby Perry Martin Luther King Parade and #138. Mayor Carolyn Louviere. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

127. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Rodney Trahan to approve the minutes of November 10, 2020 as presented. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

128. Mayor Louviere opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 298 Ordinance No. 800 solid waste. There was much discussion during the public hearing. Some thought the penalty was necessary and others thought the penalty wasn't necessary. It was moved by Mr. Rodney Trahan, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

129. Mayor Louviere opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 299 Ordinance No. 801 to lift the open container for Mardi Gras Activities on January 23, and 30, 2021. There were no comments. It was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mr. Rodney Trahan to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

130. Mayor Louviere opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 300 Ordinance No. 802 to amend the 2019 - 2020 budget. There were no comments. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Rodney Trahan to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

131. The following ordinance was moved for adoption by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier.

PROPOSITION NO. 298 ORDINANCE NO. 800

An ordinance amending Chapter 17, Solid Waste, of the Code of Ordinance of the Town of Welsh, Louisiana.

Roll call vote follows:

Yeas: Rodney Trahan, Lawrence Mier, Colby Perry, Jackie Balmer

Nays: Andrea King

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

Motion carried. Vote 4-1.

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132. The following ordinance was moved for adoption by Mr. Rodney Trahan and seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer.

PROPOSITION NO. 299 ORDINANCE NO. 801

An Ordinance amending Sec. 15-66 regulating the consumption of alcoholic beverages on public streets and in public parks.

Roll call vote follows:

Yeas: Andrea King, Rodney Trahan, Lawrence Mier, Colby Perry, Jackie Balmer

Nays: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

133. The following ordinance was moved for adoption by Mr. Rodney Trahan, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer.

PROPOSITION NO. 300 ORDINANCE NO. 802

An Ordinance amending a budget for the Town of Welsh, Louisiana,  
For the fiscal Year 2019 – 2020.

Roll call vote follows:

Yeas: Andrea King, Rodney Trahan, Lawrence Mier, Colby Perry, Jackie Balmer

Nays: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

134. It was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Ms. Andrea King to appoint Mrs. Debbie Zeno to replace Mrs. Sherry Lewis on the Welsh Housing Authority Board. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

135. The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Rodney Trahan and duly resolved.

RESOLUTION NO. 009-2020

A resolution requesting financial assistance from the State of Louisiana under the Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 Local Government Assistance Program and Community Water Enrichment Fund Program. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

136. Alderman Jackie Balmer wanted to thank Mayor Carolyn Louviere for her hard work and dedication to the Town of Welsh for 20 years. She stated she has been around for a lot of good things but also hard times, such as coming in with Hurricane Rita and going out with Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Delta. Everyone stood and gave her a round of applause.

137. Alderman Colby Perry spoke about the Martin Luther King Parade. He stated that they are planning on changing the route this year to include Martin Luther King Street with the red street signs.

It was moved by Mr. Colby Perry, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to allow Mr. Eddie Achan to change the parade route for Martin Luther King Parade with approval of the route for Marcus Crochet, Police Chief. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

138. Mayor Louviere wanted to thank everyone for her the chance to serve the Town of Welsh. She stated she is leaving with a heavy heart and said that a lot of great things have happened in 20 years.

Keeley Pitre, Animal Control Officer stated that the animal control shelter is moving forward. She stated that once the shelter is completed we will be receiving donations from Wal-Mart.

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139. There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Colby Perry, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

ATTEST:

APPROVAL:

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EVA C. KIBODEAUX, TOWN CLERK

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CAROLYN LOUVIERE, MAYOR