

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

TOWN OF WELSH
WELSH, LOUISIANA
JUNE 1, 2021

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session at the Welsh Council Room on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Karl Arceneaux called the meeting to order and Mrs. Jackie Balmer delivered the invocation. Mr. Ronnie Hayes led the pledge.

Roll call follows:

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

Absent: None.

Others in attendance: Eva Kibodeaux, Town Clerk, Richard Arceneaux, Town Attorney, and Marcus Crochet, Police Chief.

101. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to adopt the agenda of the day which consists of #125. Shonterra Jacobs or Shonda Thorne to discuss closure of street on July 3, 2021, #126. Alderman Jackie Balmer to discuss Cora Mae Vital dedication.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Andrea King, Ronnie Hayes, Lawrence Mier, Clint Hardy, Jackie Balmer.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Abstaining: None.

Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

102. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Ms. Andrea King to approve the minutes of May 4 & 17, 2021 as presented. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

103. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 307 Ordinance No. 809 to lift the open container for the Hathaway Alumni Tournament on June 25, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m., June 26, 201 from 12:01 a.m. until 12:00 a.m., and June 27, 2021, from 12:01 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. for Sportsman Park. There being no comments. It was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

104. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 308 Ordinance No. 810 to lift the open container for the Juneteenth celebration on June 19, 2021, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., for Richmond Park. There being no comments. It was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

105. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 309 Ordinance No. 811 to amend the water rates. There being no comments. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

106. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 310 Ordinance No. 812 to amend the sewer rates. There being no comments. It was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

107. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 311 Ordinance No. 813 to surplus the old light & water plant. There being no comments. It was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to close the

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public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

108. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 313 Ordinance No. 815 to surplus the old dollar general building. Mr. Mark Ardoin asked if the reason we were going up on water & sewer rates were to surplus the building. Mayor Arceneaux stated no there is a need to go up on water & sewer rates.
It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
109. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 312 Ordinance No. 814 to lift the open container for the Old Time Hometown Celebration for Saturday, July 3, 2021. There being no comments.
It was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
110. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 314 Ordinance No. 816 to amend zoning ordinance for residential to allow day care centers as a conditional use. There being no comments.
It was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
111. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 315 Ordinance No. 817 to amend the open container ordinance to allow the alderman to lift the open container in case of a special event.
It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
112. The following ordinance moved for adoption by Ms. Andrea King, and seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer.
PROPOSITON NO. 307 ORDINANCE NO. 809
An Ordinance Amending Sec. 15-66 regulating the consumption of alcoholic beverage on public streets and in public parks. (Hathaway Alumni Tournament)
Roll call vote follows:
Yeas: Andrea King, Ronnie Hayes, Lawrence Mier, Clint Hardy, Jackie Balmer
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstaining: None
Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
113. The following ordinance was moved for adoption by Ms. Andrea King, and seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer.
PROPOSITION NO. 308 ORDINANCE NO. 810
An Ordinance Amending Sec. 15-66 regulating the consumption of alcoholic beverages on public streets and in public parks. (Juneteenth Celebration)
Roll call vote follows:
Yeas: Andrea King, Ronnie Hayes, Lawrence Mier, Clint Hardy, Jackie Balmer
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstaining: None
Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
114. The following ordinance was moved for adoption by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, and seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes.
PROPOSITION NO. 309 ORDINANCE NO. 811
An Ordinance setting water usage rates for the town.
Roll call vote follows:
Yeas: Andrea King, Ronnie Hayes, Lawrence Mier, Clint Hardy, Jackie Balmer
Nays: None
Absent: None

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Abstaining: None
Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

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

PROPOSITION NO. 310 ORDINANCE NO. 812

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 618 setting sewer usage rates for the town.

Roll call vote follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstaining: None

Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

116. The following ordinance was moved for adoption by Ms. Andrea King, and seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes.

PROPOSITION NO. 311 ORDINANCE NO. 813

An ordinance authorizing the 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 to address other matters relative thereto.

Roll call vote follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstaining: None

Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

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

PROPOSITION NO. 313 ORDINANCE NO. 815

An ordinance authorizing the 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 to address other matters relative thereto.

Roll call vote follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstaining: None

Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

118. The following ordinance was moved for adoption by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, and seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy.

PROPOSITION NO. 312 ORDINANCE NO. 814

An ordinance amending Sec. 15-66 regulating the consumption of alcoholic beverages on public streets and in public parks. (4th of July event)

Roll call vote follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstaining: None

Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

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

PROPOSITION NO. 314 ORDINANCE NO. 816

An ordinance amending Section 22-134 © of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Welsh, Louisiana; providing for a change in Appendix A, Official Zoning Districts and Classification Map of the Town of Welsh and

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adding conditional uses in Residential Districts.

Roll call vote follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstaining: None

Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

120. The following ordinance was moved for adoption by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, and seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes.

PROPOSITION NO. 315 ORDINANCE 817

An ordinance amending Sec. 15:18-72 regulating the consumption of alcoholic beverages on public streets and in public parks.

Roll call vote follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstaining: None

Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

121. Mr. Rick Luntsford didn't show up for the meeting.

122. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to accept the recommendation from Marcus Crochet, Police Chief to move Kerry Derouen from part time patrolman to full time patrolman with a 90 day probation period. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

123. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to accept the recommendation from Marcus Crochet, Police Chief to hire Erica Stevens as a full time patrolman with a 90 day probation period. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

124. It was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to declare Friday, June 4, 2021 as a festival for the Downtown Throwdown. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

125. Ms. Shonterra Jacobs is having a 90's barbeque block party on July 3, 2021. She wanted to close a portion of Welsh St. but Marcus Crochet, Police Chief stated that the Town of Welsh no longer allows private citizens to block off the street.

126. Alderman Jackie Balmer made the announcement that the dedication for Mrs. Cora Mae Vital will be on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 12:00 noon. The public is invited to attend.

127. There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

ATTEST:

APPROVAL:

EVA C. KIBODEAUX, TOWN CLERK

KARL ARCENEUX, MAYOR