

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

TOWN OF WELSH  
WELSH, LOUISIANA  
MARCH 8, 2022

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session at the Welsh Council Room on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Karl Arceneaux called the meeting to order and Mrs. Jackie Balmer delivered the invocation. Mr. Clint Hardy 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, Marcus Crochet, Police Chief, Robbie Vanicor, Recreation Director and Wes LeBlanc, Superintendent.

021. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to adopt the agenda of the day which consists of #031. Marcus Crochet, Police Chief to recommend hiring Brandon Guillory full K-9 officer, and #032. Surplus 2006 Ford Crown Victoria VIN #2FAHP71W36X144961 and surplus 2008 Ford Crown Victoria VIN #2FAFP71V78X155348. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
022. It was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to approve the minutes of February 1, 2022 as presented. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
023. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing to increase electric rates. Mr. Rick Nowlin from Delta Consulting gave a presentation on the rate study. He answered all questions in regards to the rate study. Mr. Kyle Todd spoke in favor of the increase in the electric rates he said it is vital for the Town to move forward with providing services to customers. Mr. Roger Mallett asked how long it would take to get the electrical system back up to par no one could answer that question.  
It was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
028. Mr. Terry Prudhomme didn't come to the meeting to give update about shop at 314 N. Polk St.
029. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to allow Mr. Craig Simon 90 days to come up with a plan to make necessary repairs to the trailer located at 201 N. Coleman St. He also needs to come to City Hall to get building permit. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
030. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to condemn the house located at 1000 Millard St. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
031. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to accept the recommendation of Marcus Crochet, Police Chief to hire Brandon Guillory as a full time K-9 officer with a 90 day probation period. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
032. It was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to surplus 2006 Ford Crown Victoria VIN #2FAHP71W36X144961 and 2008 Ford Crown Victoria VIN #2FAFP71V78X155348 to auction at Kenbraugh. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Wes LeBlanc, Superintendent gave a report. We are having trees trimmed out of electrical lines, we are currently digging ditches on Derouen St. and electric poles are being replaced on Fridays and Saturdays. They are also replacing lights at the airport.

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Mr. Robbie Vanicor gave a report they are getting ready to start baseball program. They have repaired the sprinkler system on all fields. He has cleaned out the recreation office and is currently working on cleaning out the storage building to be able to store football and baseball equipment in these two buildings. He currently redoing floor and painting the recreation office. Bobby Doucet is currently repairing the concession stand. He will be working on the basketball courts at Bethune Park.

024. The following resolution was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer.

RESOLUTION NO. 002-2002

A resolution amending the deed for Oaklawn & Eastridge Cemeteries to state that there shall be no more than two caskets or up to 4 urns per gravesite. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

025. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to accept Proposition No. #322 Ordinance #824 to amend the budget for 2021 – 2022 and set public hearing on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

026. It was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to accept Proposition No. #323 Ordinance #825 to amend #819 for Jeff Davis Parish Library from 5 year donation to 7 year donation and set public hearing on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

027. The following ordinance was moved for adoption by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier.

PROPOSITION NO. 321 ORDINANCE NO. 823

An Ordinance amending Sec. 21-9, 21-10 and 21-11 regulating the Electric rates for the Town of Welsh.

Roll Call follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVAL:

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EVA C. KIBODEAUX, TOWN CLERK

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KARL ARCENEUX, MAYOR