

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

TOWN OF WELSH
WELSH, LOUISIANA
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session at the Welsh Council Room on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Karl Arceneaux called the meeting to order. Mrs. Jackie Balmer delivered the invocation. Ms. Andrea King 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, Marcus Crochet, Police Chief, John Hall, Fire Chief and Richard Arceneaux, Town Attorney.

101. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to adopt the agenda of the day which consists of #119. Marcus Crochet, Police Chief hire full time patrolman Jimmy Cain. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
102. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mr. Andrea King to approve the minutes of August 1, 2023 as presented. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
103. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to approve the financial statement for July 31, 2023. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
119. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to accept the recommendation from Marcus Crochet, Police Chief to hire Jimmy Cain as a full time patrolman with a 90 day probationary period. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
104. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 333 ordinance No. 835 to sell the old light & water plant in a private sale to Le Lieu, LLC for \$55,000.00. There were no comments.
It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy, to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
105. The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier.

RESOLUTION 010-2023

A resolution to fund airport improvements. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
106. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Clint Hardy, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes.

RESOLUTION 011-2023

A resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign paperwork with LA DO TD. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
107. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier.

RESOLUTION 012-2023

A resolution donating equipment to Roanoke Fire Department. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
108. The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes.

RESOLUTION 013-2023

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A resolution to create Welsh Economic Development District
No. 1. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

109. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Ms. Andrea King to introduce Proposition No. 334 Ordinance No. 836 to enter into a franchise agreement with Brightspeed. Set public hearing on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
110. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to introduce Proposition No. 335 Ordinance No. 837 to adopt implement building codes. Set public hearing on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
111. It was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to introduce Proposition No. 336 Ordinance No. 838 to sell old Dollar Store building in private sale to Clifford Hebert for \$173,000.00. Set public hearing on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
112. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to introduce Proposition No. 337 Ordinance No. 839 to create Welsh Economic Development District No. 1. Set public hearing on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
113. The following ordinance was moved for adoption by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, and seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer.
- PROPOSITION NO. 333 ORDINANCE 835**
- An ordinance authorizing the sale and/or 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/or lease and to address other matters relative thereto in a private sale to Le Lieu, LLC for \$55,000.00.
- Yeas: Andrea King, Ronnie Hayes, Lawrence Mier, Clint Hardy, Jackie Balmer
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstaining: None
Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
114. Mr. Arnold Harrell gave an update on trailer located at 711 W. Hudspeth St. He stated that the only thing he had left to do was put anchors on the trailer.
115. It was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to lift the open container for Homecoming Dance on October 20, 2023 from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. and block off W. South St. from S. Adams to S. Elms St. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
116. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to terminate agreement with the Jeff Davis Parish Police Jury for building permit services effective December 31, 2023. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
117. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Contract with Building Code Inspection Services, LLC for inspection services. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
118. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to reappoint Mr. Chuck Abell to Welsh Housing Authority Board for 4 years. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
120. There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

ATTEST:

APPROVAL:

EVA C. KIBODEAUX, TOWN CLERK

KARL ARCENEUX, MAYOR