

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

TOWN OF WELSH  
WELSH, LOUISIANA  
DECEMBER 7, 2021

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session at the Welsh Council Room on Tuesday, December 7, 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, Marcus Crochet, Police Chief, John Hall, Fire Chief and Robbie Vanicor, Recreation Director.

223. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to adopt the agenda of the day which consists of #236. Creed Romero, Jeff Davis Parish Economic Development to discuss parish survey, #237. Donald Pickle to discuss Nora Pickle home located at 206 Derouen St., #238. Gloria Viney dogs, #239. Andrea King animal control and new business, #240. Clint Hardy discussion of alcohol ordinance and #241. Clint Hardy to discuss golf cart ordinance. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

224. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to approve the minutes of November 2, 2021 as presented. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

236. Mr. Creed Romano, from Jeff Davis Parish Economic Development talked about the parish survey they are doing for the parish to gather information on how better to improve the parish economic development. He stated it is a chance for everyone's voice to be heard.

225. Mayor Arceneaux tabled this matter until Tuesday, January 4, 2021.

226. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition #319 Ordinance #821 to rezone 100, 200 & 300 block of N. Carter St. from Neighborhood Commercial to Residential Mixed. There were no comments.

It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

227. The following resolution was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier.

RESOLUTION #014-2021

A resolution to set the meeting dates for 2022.

Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

228. The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy.

RESOLUTION #015-2021

A resolution accepting Substantial completion for the 2020 LCDBG

Potable Water Improvements. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

229. This item was tabled until Tuesday, January 4, 2021.

230. It was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Ms. Andrea King for Proposition #319 Ordinance #821 to rezone 100, 200 & 300 block of N. Carter St. from Neighborhood Commercial to Residential Mixed. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

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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.

231. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to condemn the trailer located at 803 W. South St. and send a letter they have 30 days to demolish the trailer. Motion carried. Vote 4-1.
232. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to accept the recommendation of Marcus Crochet, Police Chief to hire Andrew Vernel as a full time patrolman. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
233. Mr. Terry Prudhomme wasn't present at the meeting. The board approved sending notice to him to attend the January 4, 2021 meeting.
234. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to lift the open container on Saturday, February 12, 2022 for the Mardi Gras Parade and street dance from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
235. It was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to lift the open container on Saturday, February 5, 2022 for the Mardi Gras In Town Run from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
237. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to give Donald Pickle an additional 60 days to remove the structure located at 206 Derouen St. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
238. Ms. Gloria Viney spoke about a dog biting a child then the animal control officer went bring the dog back to the owner after the 10 days and the owner never paid any fees. The accident happened at 1209 Welsh St. Mayor Arceneaux stated he would get with animal control tomorrow to find out more information.
239. Alderman Andrea King said her mom had already discussed the animal control situation. Then she wanted confirmation that the rumors were true on Hwy 90. They were building a Family Dollar/Dollar Tree and the Mayor confirmed yes.
240. Alderman Clint Hardy brought up the need to address the high content alcohol ordinance stating we should be able to sell hard liquor on Sunday. He wants clerk to get with Town Attorney and see if we need to bring up an introduction to change the ordinance or what needed to be done to change the ordinance.
241. Alderman Clint Hardy brought up that on the golf carts it needs to be a licensed driver operating the golf carts instead of children operating the golf cart. Marcus Crochet, Police Chief said he would address the situation.

Robbie Vanicor, Recreation Director gave a presentation on the progress of the Pee Wee Football Program and he said it was successful. He also stated we would like to have soccer, baseball, football, tennis and volleyball program to match the programs the school offers the students. He is also still planning on have a benefit in either March or April to purchase new football equipment. He also wants to take down the four basketball goals at Bethune Park and just replace with two basketball goals. He addressed an electrical wire over the basketball goal over the goal at Richmond Park. The Mayor stated he would get with Tracy on the electrical wire. He said he would eventually like to add bar be que pits at the park.

237. There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

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ATTEST:

APPROVAL:

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EVA C. KIBODEAUX, TOWN CLERK

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KARL ARCENEUX, MAYOR