

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

TOWN OF WELSH
WELSH, LOUISIANA
MAY 3, 2022

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session at the Welsh Council Room on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Karl Arceneaux called the meeting to order and Mrs. Jackie Balmer delivered the invocation. Mr. Lawrence Mier 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 and Robbie Vanicor, Recreation Director.

058. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to adopt the agenda of the day which consists of #069. Ms. Lucinda Viney to discuss junk vehicle. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

059. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to approve the minutes of April 5, and April 25, 2022 as presented. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

060. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 324 Ordinance No. 826 to adopt the 2022 – 2023 budget. There were no comments.
It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

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

PROPOSITION NO. 324 ORDINANCE 826

An Ordinance amending, adopting and enacting a budget for the Town of Welsh, Louisiana, for the Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023, and amending the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022.

Roll call follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstaining: None

Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

062. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to give Mr. Arthur Bias 60 more days to make repairs at 614 S. Simmons St. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

063. Mr. Corey Hayes from Future MTE presented a proposal to move forward and apply for grants to get fiber optic broadband for the Town of Welsh. Mayor Arceneaux stated he would have Richard Arceneaux, Town Attorney look over the proposal.

064. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to accept the recommendation of Marcus Crochet, Police Chief to hire Jessica Vines as a part time dispatcher with a 90 day probation period. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

065. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to condemn Mr. Homer Leger trailer located at 214 Love St. Mr. Leger has 30 days to tear down the trailer. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

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066. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Ms. Andrea King to condemn Michael & Ramona Eager house located at 305 S. Coleman St. The board gave them 30 days to tear down the house. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

067. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to increase the installation fees for security lights as follows:

100 Watt installation fee \$170.00

250 Watt installation fee \$352.00 regular or \$81.00 LED

400 Watt installation fee \$405.00 regular or \$208.00 LED

750 Watt installation fee N/A regular or \$252.00 LED

1,000 Watt installation fee \$750.00 regular or \$335.00 LED

Effective June 1, 2022. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

068. It was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to increase the Customer deposit for commercial customers from \$150 to \$250 effective June 1, 2022. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

069. The board gave Ms. Lucinda Viney an additional two weeks to remove the junk vehicle from her property located at 1201 Martin Luther King.

Robbie Vanicor, Recreation Director reported the baseball program is moving forward. He is picking a player of the week and local businesses are donating different items to the players. He reported so far this season he has made \$3,800.00 in concessions. He stated they will have a baseball tournament for 8 and under and tee ball on June 10 & 11, 2022.

It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Ms. Andrea King to charge the following fees for the use of Sportsman's Park for baseball tournaments: Deposit will be \$500.00 and \$400.00 per day effective June 1, 2022. We will give deposit back if no damage is done to the fields. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVAL:

EVA C. KIBODEAUX, TOWN CLERK

KARL ARCENEUX, MAYOR