

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

TOWN OF WELSH

WELSH, LOUISIANA
AUGUST 7, 2018

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session at the Welsh Town Hall on Tuesday, August 7, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Carolyn Louviere called the meeting to order and Lawrence Mier led the pledge.

Roll call follows:

Present: Mayor Carolyn Louviere; Aldermen: Andrea King, Rodney Trahan, Lawrence Mier, Colby Perry.

Absent: Robert Owens

Others in attendance: Stephanie Benoit, Town Clerk; Rick Arceneaux, Town Attorney; Tracy Goodwin, Superintendent; Michelle Ramagos, Director of Parks and Recreation; Marcus Crochet, Police Chief.

073. It was moved by Colby Perry, seconded by Lawrence Mier to adopt the Agenda of the Day which consisted of: 080. Marcus Crochet-New Hires and Promotion; 081. Marcus Crochet-Introduce and approve Taser and Body Camera Policies; 082. Beaufort Street Bridge; 083. Steve Belshe C&L Aqua Pro-Water; 084. Kevin Bihm LEPA-Electricity; 085. Darwin Brown and Charles Drake-Water; 086. Colby Perry-Information.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Rodney Trahan, Lawrence Mier, Colby Perry, Andrea King

Nays: None

Absent: Robert Owens

Abstaining: None

Motion Carried. Vote 4-0.

083. Steve Belshe with C & L Aqua Pro talked about the water problems in parts of the Town and let Town Citizens know the next step the Town will be taking is to add Zinc Orthophosphate Corrosion Inhibitor into the distribution system to coat the pipes and hope to stop the brown water problem. He talked about the issues the Town is having and answered questions of concerned citizens.

074. It was moved by Rodney Trahan, seconded by Lawrence Mier to approve the minutes of July 3, 2018 as presented. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0.

075. The following resolution was offered by Andrea King, seconded by Rodney Trahan.

RESOLUTION NO. 007-2018

A resolution requesting financial assistance from the State of Louisiana under the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) and Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) Program.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Andrea King, Rodney Trahan, Lawrence Mier, Colby Perry.

Nays: None

Absent: Robert Owens

Abstaining: None

Motion Carried. Vote 4-0.

076. The policy for Delinquent customers was given to the Alderman to answer questions to this policy in place as of September 1, 2015. The policy states that the \$100 reconnection fee will be renamed to Delinquent fee. Once customer is on the disconnect list, fee is due regardless if disconnected.

077. Two letters have been sent to L & W Rentals, LLC regarding the house on Cooper Street. Rick Arceneaux will check into the process of getting this vacant home condemned.

078. It was moved by Rodney Trahan, seconded by Lawrence Mier to re-appoint Bengt Lindell as a Housing Authority Commissioner. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0.

079. Charles Drake would like to have the Lagniappe Festival this coming the weekend of April 12, 2019. The council will vote at a later time.

082. It was moved by Rodney Trahan, seconded by Andrea King to approve to sign a mutual aid agreement with the Police Jury and the Drainage Board for the repair of Beaufort Street Bridge. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0.

084. Kevin Bihm with LEPA spoke on the recent power outages and complaints the Town has been receiving on appliances going out because of this. Kevin said that nowhere in the industry Providers pay for things like this. It is to be filed with your home owners insurance. The only time the provider would be responsible if there is negligence of the provider.

080. It was moved by Rodney Trahan, seconded by Lawrence Mier to approve the recommendation of Police Chief, Marcus Crochet, to hire Part Time Patrol Officer, Chris James, with a 90 day probationary period. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0.

It was moved by Rodney Trahan, seconded by Lawrence Mier to approve the recommendation of Police Chief, Marcus Crochet, to hire Part Time Patrol Officer, Horace Green, with a 90 day probationary period. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0.

It was moved by Rodney Trahan, seconded by Colby Perry to approve the recommendation of Police Chief, Marcus Crochet, to hire Part Time Patrol Officer, Justin Olmsted, with a 90 day probationary period. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0.

081. It was moved by Andrea King, seconded by Rodney Trahan to approve the Taser Policy presented and recommended by Police Chief, Marcus Crochet. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0.

It was moved by Andrea King, seconded by Lawrence Mier to approve the Body Worn Camera Recording Devices Policy presented and recommended by Police Chief, Marcus Crochet. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0.

086. Colby Perry questioned the Mayor as to why she would get a bid to clean the Old Capital One building that was purchased for a new City Hall because when it was voted on to purchase it that people in the Town would be all getting together to clean, paint, and do any repairs needed to be move in ready. The Mayor told him she wanted to see how much it would cost and that the Town workers did do the cleaning.

It was moved by Rodney Trahan, seconded by Colby Perry to approve the recommendation of Police Chief, Marcus Crochet, to promote Matt Doucet to Lieutenant over Patrol. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0.

085. Darwin Brown and Charles Drake's Water questions were discussed and answered when Steve Belshe spoke on the water problems.

Michelle Ramagos, Director of Parks and Recreation, said the Welsh Bronco Team competed in the Zone Tournament in Deer Park Texas and the received 3rd Place. Football Registration will start towards the end of the month and games will start in September.

087. There being no further business, it was moved by Andrea King, seconded by Lawrence Mier to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0.

ATTEST:

APPROVAL:

Stephanie Benoit, Town Clerk

Carolyn Louviere, Mayor