

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

TOWN OF WELSH  
WELSH, LOUISIANA  
APRIL 6, 2021

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session at the Welsh Council Room on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 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, Wes LeBlanc, Superintendent and John Hall, Fire Chief.

057. It was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to adopt the agenda of the day which consists of #074. Appoint Benjamin Cormier as administrative hearing officer, and #075. Alderman Andrea King to discuss Cora Mae Vital dedication.

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.

058. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to approve the minutes of March 1, 2, & 30, 2021 as presented. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

059. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 303 Ordinance No. 805 to adopt the administrative hearing ordinance. There were no comments.

It was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

060. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy and carried:

RESOLUTION 007-2021

A resolution authorizing town officials/employees to sign the request for payment forms with the FY 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program for the water system improvements project. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

061. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy.

RESOLUTION 008-2021

A resolution for the Town of Welsh to transfer funds from General Fund to Welsh Police Equipment and Maintenance bank account. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

062. It was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to defer Resolution 009-2021 to oppose HB 199 for collection of sales tax. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

063. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to introduce Proposition No. 304 Ordinance No. 806 to lift open container on Friday, May 7, 2021 for the Welsh Downtown Live Event set the public hearing for May 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

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064. It was moved by Mr. Clint Hardy, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to introduce Proposition No. 305 Ordinance 807 to amend the 2020 – 2021 budget to set the public hearing for May 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
065. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to introduce Proposition No. 306 Ordinance 808 to adopt the 2021 – 2022 budget to set the public hearing for May 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
066. The following ordinance was moved for adoption by Mr. Clint Hardy, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer.
- PROPOSITION NO. 303 ORDINANCE NO. 805
- An Ordinance to adopt the administrative hearing process for the  
Town of Welsh, of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Welsh, Louisiana.
- Roll call vote follows:  
Yeas: Andrea King, Ronnie Hayes, Lawrence Mier, Clint Hardy, Jackie Balmer  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstaining: None  
Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
067. Mr. Tony Sonnier from Louisiana Rural and Water was not present to discuss the water & sewer rates as scheduled.
068. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to condemn the house located at 502 Welsh St. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
069. It was moved by Mr. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to give Roger & Peggy Lewis 90 days to tear down the house located at 601 N. Polk St. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
070. It was moved by Mr. Clint Hardy, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to move forward with condemning & demolishing the house located at 411 E. Grove St. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
071. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to approve the beer & liquor license for Parish Seafood Company, LLC. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
072. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to appoint Mr. Donald Pickle to replace Mr. Marshall Jackson on the Zoning Commission Board. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
073. Mayor Arceneaux announced the Rabies Clinic has been set for Saturday, May 8, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the City Hall located at 112 S. Adams St. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
074. It was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to appoint Mr. Benjamin Cormier as the administrative hearing officer. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
- Wes LeBlanc, Superintendent gave a report on what's going on. He said that get smoke testing on Jane, Armstrong, Anthony & N. Joseph Streets. Hardly no leaks were located and they would move forward with doing different areas of town. They are starting to address some of the drainage issues in the Town and we have several serious issues. We hired a contractor to replace some utility poles on Cooper & E. Russell. It was too big of a job for us to perform. He stated that he is getting a number of yards to do repairs on streets that had been cut for digging of sewer lines and also the drainage grates on Welsh St. have been replaced. They have also purchased an infrared camera to indicate hot spots at the substation.
054. There being no further business, it was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes 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