

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF WELSH
WELSH, LOUISIANA
JANUARY 8, 2019

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session at the Welsh Council Room on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Carolyn Louviere called the meeting to order and Mr. Rodney Trahan led the pledge. Roll call follows:

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

Absent: None.

Others in attendance: Eva Kibodeaux, Interim Town Clerk; Michelle Ramagos, Recreation Director, Tracy Goodwin, Co-Superintendent and John Hall, Fire Chief.

01. It was moved by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Ms. Andrea King to adopt the agenda of the day which consists of #007. Lawrence Mier to speak in general. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
02. It was moved by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Ms. Andrea King to approve the minutes of December 4, 2018 as presented. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.
03. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Mr. Rodney Trahan.

RESOLUTION 001-2019

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute those documents and Agreement required in implementing grant under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery program through the restore Louisiana infrastructure: FEMA Public Assistance Nonfederal share match program, for the Town of Welsh in the Aftermath of 2016 severe storms and flooding events. Motion carried. Vote 5-0. (See insert)

04. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier.

RESOLUTION 002-2019

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the Town of Welsh, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, December 8, 2018, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein. Motion carried. Vote 5-0. (See insert)

05. It was moved by Mr. Robert Owens, seconded by Mr. Rodney Trahan to set public hearing on Proposition #274 to amend "2018 – 2019 Budget:".

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

Abstaining: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

06. Kyle Judice, from McElroy, Quirk and Burch went over the audit report for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2018. He stated that the Town was overall in good standing. He also mentioned the write ups that the Town had with the audit. He stated some of the write ups had already been corrected as of May 31, 2018 but it was too late in year not to be written up. It was moved by Mr. Rodney Trahan, seconded by Mr. Robert Owens to accept the audit for June 1, 2017 – May 31, 2018 as presented.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

Abstaining: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

Michelle Ramagos, Recreation Director reported that the walking trail at Sportsman Park has been completed. Also they are replacing boards at the Concession stand at Richmond Park. They are also doing repairs to Michelle's Office at Sportsman Park.

07. Mr. Lawrence Mier said that the Town currently has no grader. What was the Town plans to correct this problem. The Mayor reported that we just placed an order for a blade today. Mr. Mier also mentioned that all department heads should report to the council and come to the meetings in case citizens come to the meeting. Then they would

be here to address the issues that the citizens may bring up. The Mayor stated she would speak with all the department heads.

John Hall, Fire Chief reported that the fire rating year is coming up. They are preparing for it by painting the fire hydrants and pressure testing them. He said that the laws for the fire rating has changed. He stated that get credit for the training they do every month to help out the fire rating. They are hoping to stay at Class 4 for the fire rating. He stated that the last fire rating they were told we had the best looking fire hydrants in the State of Louisiana. They are planning on changing out 3 to 4 fire hydrants every year moving forward.

Tracy Goodwin, Co-Superintendent reported that he does come to the majority of the meetings. He also said he would be more than willing to report. If they would ask him a question that he would address the issue.

08. There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Colby Perry and seconded by Ms. Andrea King to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

ATTEST:

Eva C. Kibodeaux, Interim Town Clerk

APPROVAL:

Carolyn Louviere, Mayor