

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

TOWN OF WELSH
WELSH, LOUISIANA
MARCH 2, 2021

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session at the Welsh Council Room on Tuesday, March 2, 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, Richard Arceneaux, Town Attorney, Marcus Crochet, Police Chief, Wes LeBlanc, Superintendent and Dustin Iguess, Recreation Director.

039. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to adopt the agenda of the day which consists of #053. Proposition No. 303 Ordinance 805 to introduce administrative hearing court ordinance and set public hearing.

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.

040. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to approve the minutes of February 2, & 9, 2021 as presented. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

041. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 301 Ordinance No. 803 to update building codes. 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.

042. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 302 Ordinance No. 804 to update junk car ordinance. Mr. Marshall Jackson asked for more time to remove the junk cars he has because he had several deaths in his family also because of the weather more time was granted. Mr. Jonathan Brown discussed how they have junk cars in other areas of town and why was the west end only addressed. Mayor Arceneaux stated we wanted to update the junk car ordinance first but we will move forward in other areas. He also stated that they had a fuel truck located across the street and it was removed. Ms. Gloria Viney asked who reported the junk cars on the west end and Mayor Arceneaux said when he was campaigning he noticed the problem.

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

043. The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier.

RESOLUTION 006-2021

A resolution of the Town council for the Town of Welsh declaring the building or structure located at municipal address 401 Floyd St., Welsh, Louisiana, to be dilapidated and dangerous to the public welfare and ordering the condemnation of same. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

044. The following ordinance was moved for adoption by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Ms. Andrea King.

PROPOSITION NO. 301 ORDINANCE NO. 803

An Ordinance Amending building code Ordinance No. 670, for the Town of Welsh, Louisiana, providing for the updated building codes.

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.

045. The following ordinance was moved for adoption by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes.

PROPOSITION NO. 302 ORDINANCE NO. 804

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17, Solid Waste, of 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.

046. Mr. Burton Kolder from Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC gave presentation on behalf of his firm to start conducting the Town's audit. He stated how many towns, cities and parishes that they currently perform the audits. He stated that they could do the audit for cheaper price.

It was moved Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to appoint Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC as the auditors. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

047. It was moved by Mr. Clint Hardy, seconded by Ms. Andrea King to abandon right of way on Armstrong St. from Anthony south to gulley. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

048. It was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to surplus 1998 GMC Garbage truck VIN # 1GDP7C1CXWJ517938 and send to Kenjabruch. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

049. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to surplus 2001 Chevrolet pickup VIN # 1GCEC14W91Z278376 and send to Kenjabruch. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

050. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to surplus the Kubota Lawn Mower Model # ZD25F Serial #14768 and send to Kenjabruch. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

051. It was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to surplus 2008 Ford F-150 VIN # 1FTRF12W88KE91060 and send to Kenjabruch. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

052. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to approve the beer & liquor license for Crawfish to Geaux. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

053. It was moved by Mr. Clint Hardy, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to introduce Proposition No. 303 Ordinance No. 805 to set the public hearing for Tuesday, April 6, 2021. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

Wes LeBlanc, Superintendent gave a report on what's going on he said that currently there is a collapsed sewer line at the corner of Palmer & South St. He hopes to have it repaired by the end of the week. They have been putting limestone on unpaved roads and filling pot holes. Womack & Sons will start the sewer project by the end of the month. They have

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cleaned up the water plant. He received roll off containers to put scrap metal in and will sell it when the containers are full. He stated that the Town has a lot of ditches that need to be dug and cleaned out, but our excavator is in need of repairs. He stated that we are currently getting quotes for new one. They are placing markers on the water valves throughout town. He also called Jeff Davis Electric to help with getting a utility pole count and get the GPS location of every utility pole in the Town of Welsh to save time.

Dustin Iguess, Recreation Director gave a report stating that we have almost 200 participants in the baseball program. He had a new scoreboard put up at the girls field and had the one fixed at the little field. He installed a new flag pole today. He stated that the travel teams have helped him out at the park, and that we will need a new net at the back batting cage.

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.

ATTEST:

APPROVAL:

EVA C. KIBODEAUX, TOWN CLERK

KARL ARCENEUX, MAYOR