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

TOWN OF WELSH

 WELSH, LOUISIANA

 MARCH 27, 2017

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met for a budget meeting in their

regular meeting place, the Town Hall, on Monday, March 27, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Carolyn Louviere called the meeting to order.

Roll call follows:

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

Colby Perry, and Robert Owens.

Absent: None

Others in attendance: Stephanie Benoit, Town Clerk; Marcus Crochet, Police Chief; Michelle

Ramagos, Director of Parks and Recreation

059. Mayor, Carolyn Louviere, opened the meeting with her thoughts on the Police Department and their importance to our Town. Police Chief, Marcus Crochet asked for an increased budget to give an across the board raise to his staff and the Mayor asked to increase his salary which would have to be voted on by the Council but both have raised his total budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Some council members believe the Town does not have the money to support a larger budget for the Police Department. Iowa Police Chief and Comptroller attended the meeting to give information on how their Town handles their Police Department Budget. There were lots of questions, concerns, and accusations between Council Members, Police Department, and City Hall. Nothing was decided on or changed with the proposed 2017-2018 Budget that will be introduced at the next Council meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

060. There being no further business, Mayor Louviere adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST: APPROVAL:

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Stephanie Benoit, Town Clerk Carolyn Louviere, Mayor