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

TOWN OF WELSH

WELSH, LOUISIANA

JANUARY 3, 2017

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session in their

regular meeting place, the Town Hall, on Tuesday, January 4, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Carolyn Louviere called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. Robert Owens

led the pledge.

Roll call follows:

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

Colby Perry, and Robert Owens.

Absent: None

Others in attendance: Rick Arceneaux, Town Attorney; Stephanie Benoit, Town Clerk;

Tracy Goodwin, Co-Superintendent; Wayne Hebert, Co-Superintendent; Marcus Crochet, Police

Chief.

1. It was moved by Robert Owens, seconded by Rodney Trahan to adopt the Agenda of the Day which consisted of: 014. Information-Andrea King; 015. Town Events-Charles Drake; 016. Appointment of Officer-Marcus Crochet.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstaining: None

Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

002. It was moved by Robert Owens, seconded by Colby Perry to approve the minutes of December 6, 2016 as presented. Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

003. The following resolution was offered by Rodney Trahan, seconded by Robert Owens.

RESOLUTION NO. 001-2017

A Resolution giving written notice of regular meetings of the Mayor

And Board of Alderman of the Town of Welsh.

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.

004. The following resolution was offered by Colby Perry, seconded by Lawrence Mier.

RESOLUTION NO. 002-2017

A RESOLUTION THAT ALL CHECKS, DRAFTS, NOTES,

OR ORDERS FOR THE TOWN OF WELSH ACCOUNTS BE SIGNED BY TOWN CLERK, STEPHANIE BENOIT; MAYOR MARY L. CAROLYN LOUVIERE, AND/OR MAYOR PRO TEMPORE LAWRENCE MIER AT LOUISIANA ASSET MANAGEMENT POOL (LAMP), ST. MARTIN BANK, JEFF DAVIS BANK, AND THE BANK.

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.

005. Concerned Citizen, David Faul, asked the Mayor and Board of Alderman when something will be done with the Nichols Street Bridge. Mayor Louviere stated that the previous council voted against repairing and wanted to wait until we could build a new bridge which would cost between $600-$700,000. The Mayor is also concerned about other Bridges in the Town needing work. If we do not fix the problem now, we may have more on our hands. Our Town Engineer will come to the next meeting in February to tell the New Council what could be done to fix the current problem to get this bridge back open.

006. It was moved by Rodney Trahan, seconded by Colby Perry to appoint Lawrence Mier as Mayor Pro Tempore.

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.

007. It was moved by Rodney Trahan, seconded by Colby Perry to ratify the Mayor’s appointment of Stephanie Benoit as Town Clerk.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Rodney Trahan, Lawrence Mier, Colby Perry, Robert Owens

Nays: Andrea King

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried. Vote 4-1.

008. It was moved by Rodney Trahan, seconded by Colby Perry to ratify the Mayor’s appointment of Tracy Goodwin and Wayne Hebert as Town Co-Superintendents.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Rodney Trahan, Lawrence Mier, Colby Perry, Robert Owens

Nays: Andrea King

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried. Vote 4-1.

009. It was moved by Rodney Trahan, seconded by Colby Perry to ratify the Mayor’s appointment of Rick Arceneaux as Town Attorney.

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.

010. Mayor Louviere deferred appointing Magistrate.

011. It was moved by Robert Owens, seconded by Lawrence Mier to appoint John Pickle in place of Rodney Trahan as a Zoning Commission Member.

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.

012. It was moved by Lawrence Mier, seconded by Andrea King to appoint Sharon Todd in place of Andrea King as Welsh Housing Authority Member.

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.

It was moved by Andrea King, seconded by Rodney Trahan to appoint Bengt Lindell in place of Lawrence Mier as Welsh Housing Authority Member.

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.

013. It was moved by Robert Owens, seconded by Rodney Trahan to set a Special Meeting for January 12, 2017 at 6pm at City Hall to accept Bid for I-10 Project and maybe appoint a Magistrate.

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.

016. It was moved by Rodney Trahan, seconded by Colby Perry to accept Police Chief Marcus Crochet’s recommendation to appoint Detective Caillier as Assistant Police Chief. Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

014. Alderman, Andrea King, addressed her concerns about wanting to be treated equal to the other Aldermen. Agenda’s were dropped off at the home’s of the Aldermen and an honest mistake was made by the Town Clerk, Stephanie Benoit, and dropped hers off at her neighbors home.

015. Charles Drake stated the Lagniappe Festival would be scheduled this year for April 27th-30th. He also said the Farmer’s Market would start a few weeks after the festival. He would like to get things moving on cleaning the bayou and getting things together to also have a Kayak Festival in October.

017. There being no further business, it was moved by Rodney Trahan, seconded by Colby Perry to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

ATTEST: APPROVAL:

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Stephanie Benoit, Town Clerk Carolyn Louviere, Mayor