

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

TOWN OF WELSH
WELSH, LOUISIANA
MAY 7, 2024

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session at the Welsh Council Room on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Karl Arceneaux called the meeting to order. Mayor Arceneaux 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, and Richard Arceneaux, Town Attorney.

047. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to adopt the agenda of the day which consists of #058. Appoint Jennings Daily News as Official Journal from 6-1-2024 to 5-31-2025, #059. Accept recommendation from Zoning Board for Thomas Hotard at 813 E. Russell Ave. for zoning exception, #060. Accept recommendation from Zoning Board for Devin Moore at 315 Prudhomme St. would like a change in zoning classification and #061. Resolution 007-2024 to submit application for grant for lead line replacement. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

048. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to approve the minutes of April 2, 2024 as presented. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

049. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to approve the monthly financial for March 31, 2024 as presented. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

050. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 340 Ordinance No. 842 to amend budget for 2023 – 2024. There were no comments.
It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

051. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 341 Ordinance No. 843 to adopt budget for 2024 – 2025.
It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

052. The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes.

RESOLUTION NO. 006-2024

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the Town of Welsh, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, April 27, 2024 to authorize the renewal of a sales and use tax therein. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

053. It was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Ms. Andrea King to introduce Proposition No. 342 Ordinance No. 844 to adopt the special elections results and to set the public hearing on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

054. The following ordinance was moved for adoption by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy.

PROPOSITION NO. 340 ORDINANCE NO. 842

An Ordinance amending a budget for the Town of Welsh, Louisiana for the Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024.

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Vote by roll call follows:

Yeas: Andrea King, Ronnie Hayes, Lawrence Mier, Clint Hardy, Jackie Balmer.

Nays: None.

Abstaining: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

055. The following ordinance was moved for adoption by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer.

PROPOSITION NO. 341 ORDINANCE NO. 843

An Ordinance amending, adopting and enacting a budget for the Town of Welsh, Louisiana, for the Fiscal Year 2024 and 2025, and amending the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024.

Vote by roll call follows:

Yeas: Andrea King, Ronnie Hayes, Lawrence Mier, Clint Hardy, Jackie Balmer.

Nays: None.

Abstaining: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

056. Mr. Shannon Touchet gave an update on the house located at 125 Goodwin St. The Mayor and Council agreed that they have done enough repairs to the house.

057. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to approve the MOU between the Rotary Club of Welsh & Town of Welsh for grant. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

058. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to appoint Jennings Daily News as official journal from June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

059. It was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to reject recommendation from Zoning Board for Thomas Hotard at 813 E. Russell Ave for zoning exception. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

060. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to reject recommendation from Zoning Board for Devin Moore at 315 Prudhomme St for change in zoning classification. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

061. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Clint Hardy, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes.

RESOLUTION 007-2024

Resolution authorizing preparation and submittal of an application to the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), Office of Public Health (OPH), Agency for the drinking water state revolving fund (“DWSRF”) lead Service line replacement loan. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

062. There being no further business, it was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

ATTEST:

APPROVAL:

EVA C. KIBODEAUX, TOWN CLERK

KARL ARCENEUX, MAYOR

