

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

TOWN OF WELSH  
WELSH, LOUISIANA  
APRIL 5, 2022

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session at the Welsh Council Room on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 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: Ronnie Hayes, Lawrence Mier, Clint Hardy, Jackie Balmer.

Absent: Alderman Andrea King.

Others in attendance: Eva Kibodeaux, Town Clerk and Richard Arceneaux, Town Attorney.

037. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to adopt the agenda of the day which consists of #053. Resolution 006-2022 to enter into cooperation endeavor agreement with Jeff Davis Parish, and #054. Corey Hayes proposal for fiber optic phone system. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

038. It was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to approve the minutes of March 8, and March 29, 2022 as presented. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

039. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 322 Ordinance No. 824 to amend the 2021 – 2022 budget. There were no comments.  
It was moved by Mr. Clint Hardy, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

040. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 323 Ordinance No. 825 to amend Ordinance No. 819 to change the number of years for donation on the library lot. There were no comments.  
It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 003-2022

A resolution requesting financial assistance from the State of Louisiana under the fiscal year 2021 – 2022 Local Government Assistance Program and Community Water Enrichment Fund Program. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 004-2022

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvement at the Welsh Airport. Motion carried.  
Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 005-2022

A resolution celebrating the week of April 11- April 15, 2022 as National Community Development Week. Motion carried.  
Vote 4-0.

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044. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy introduce Proposition No. 324 Ordinance No. 826 to adopt the 2022 – 2023 budget and set public hearing on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

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

PROPOSITION NO. 322 ORDINANCE NO. 824

An Ordinance amending a budget for the Town of Welsh, Louisiana,  
For the Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022.

Roll call vote follows:

Yeas: Ronnie Hayes, Lawrence Mier, Clint Hardy, Jackie Balmer

Nays: None

Absent: Andrea King

Abstaining: None

Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

046. The following ordinance was moved for adoption by Mr. Clint Hardy, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes.

PROPOSITION NO. 323 ORDINANCE NO. 825

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 819 authorizing the sale and/or  
Lease of immovable property no longer needed for a public purpose,  
Fixing the minimum price to be accepted, fixing the terms of the sale  
And/or lease and to address other matters relative thereto.

Roll call vote follows:

Yeas: Ronnie Hayes, Lawrence Mier, Clint Hardy, Jackie Balmer

Nays: None

Absent: Andrea King

Abstaining: None

Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

047. Mr. Benjamin Cormier recommended increasing court cost by \$20.00 with \$10.00 going to the Public Defender's Office and keeping \$10.00 in the Town of Welsh.

It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to increase the court cost by \$20.00 for as long as the statue is in place. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

048. It was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to accept Mark & Angela Petry request for additional 60 days to make repairs to building located at the Corner of S. Elms and W. Hudspeth. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

049. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to recommend to Esmeralda Gonzales to tear down the house located at 204 Goodwin St. in 30 days and send letter. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

050. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to accept Marshall & Louise Jackson request for additional 6 months to make repairs to the building located at 216 Welsh St. to report back on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 to give update. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

051. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to recommend to Judy Loud to tear down trailer located at 611 Welsh St. in 30 days and send letter. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

052. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to recommend to Dr. Mary Alice Trent to tear down house located at 415 Davis St. in 30 days and send letter. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 006-2022  
Resolution of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Town of  
Welsh and Jeff Davis Parish Police Jury. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

054. Mr. Corey Hayes made a proposal to Mayor and Board of Aldermen to make a plan to  
run fiber optic in the Town of Welsh.

Mayor Arceneaux reported that the runway lights and the windsock has been repaired at the  
Airport. We are currently doing the work to replace 16 poles.

055. There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by  
Mr. Clint Hardy to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

ATTEST:

APPROVAL:

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EVA C. KIBODEAUX, TOWN CLERK

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KARL ARCENEUX, MAYOR