

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

TOWN OF WELSH  
WELSH, LOUISIANA  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session at the Welsh Council Room on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Karl Arceneaux called the meeting to order. 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, Jackie Balmer.

Absent: Clint Hardy.

Others in attendance: Eva Kibodeaux, Town Clerk, Marcus Crochet, Police Chief and Richard Arceneaux, Town Attorney.

100. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to adopt the agenda of the day which consists of #112. Marcus Crochet, Police Chief to hire Nicholas Manuel for full time patrolman, #113. Marcus Crochet, Police Chief to hire Alec Lognion for full time patrolman and #114. Mayor to discuss streets. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

101. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Ms. Andrea King to approve minutes from August 6, 2024 as presented. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

108. Mr. Burton Kolder gave the audit report ending May 31, 2024. We received a good audit report overall.  
It was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to accept the audit report. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

102. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Ms. Andrea King to approve the monthly financial for July 31, 2024 as presented. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

103. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing for Proposition No. 343 Ordinance 845 to increase the board of alderman and mayor salary. Mr. Marshall Jackson asked why were they increasing the pay during an election. Aldermen Mier stated that is the best time to propose an increase to for the new administration.  
It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

104. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing for Proposition No. 344 Ordinance 846 to adopt standards for electric services.  
It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

105. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Ms. Andrea King.

RESOLUTION NO. 011-2024

A resolution adopting the CIP plan for the airport. Motion carried.  
Vote 4-0.

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

PROPOSITION NO. 343 ORDINANCE NO. 845

An ordinance amending the board of alderman & mayor salary.  
Yeas: Andrea King, Ronnie Hayes, Lawrence Mier, Jackie Balmer.

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Nays: None.  
Absent: Clint Hardy.  
Abstaining: None.  
Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

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

PROPOSITION NO. 344 ORDINANCE 846

An ordinance of the Town of Welsh to provide standards of electric Service to customers of the Town of Welsh.

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

Nays: None.  
Absent: Clint Hardy  
Abstaining: None.  
Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

109. It was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to declare November 1, 2024 as a special event for Homecoming Dance and lift the open container. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.
110. It was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to reappoint Myra Harmon to the Welsh Housing Authority Board for four years. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.
111. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to reappoint Roger Mallett to the Welsh Housing Authority Board for four years. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.
112. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to accept the recommendation from Marcus Crochet, Police Chief to hire Nicholas Manuel as a full time patrolman with a 90 day probationary period. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.
113. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to accept the recommendation from Marcus Crochet, Police Chief to hire Alec Lognion as a full time patrolman with a 90 day probationary period. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.
114. Mayor Arceneaux discussed the repairing of N. & S. Joseph, Welsh, Richard and Day Streets. Richard Arceneaux, Town Attorney asked if advertised for bids. Mayor Arceneaux stated no but we did receive three bids for the project. The town attorney suggested that we discuss that with the auditors before we move forward with the project.
115. There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier 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 ARCENEAUX, MAYOR