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

TOWN OF WELSH

 WELSH, LOUISIANA

 MARCH 07, 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, March 07, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Carolyn Louviere called the meeting to order and Andrea King 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: Richard Arceneaux, Town Attorney; Stephanie Benoit, Town Clerk;

Michelle Ramagos, Director of Parks and Recreation; Wayne Hebert, Co-Superintendent; Tracy

Goodwin, Co-Superintendent; Richard Caillier; Assistant Chief of Police.

039. It was moved by Rodney Trahan, seconded by Lawrence Mier to adopt the Agenda of the Day which consisted of 052. Charles Drake, Festival; 053. Full time and Part time Police Department Employees, Richard Caillier.

 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.

040. It was moved by Robert Owens, seconded by Colby Perry to approve the minutes of February 7, 2017, February 9, 2017, and February 14, 2017 as presented. Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

041. Mayor Carolyn Louviere opened the public hearing for Proposition No. 264 “975,000 Taxable Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2017. Mayor Louviere stated that work on getting the ground storage tanks will begin shortly. It was moved by Robert Owens, seconded by Rodney Trahan to close the public hearing. Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

042. Mayor Carolyn Louviere opened the public hearing for Proposition No. 265 “Amend Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance” stating the Town of Welsh would like to set weekly closing times for the bars in town because other towns have curfews and we only have the state closing time of 2 a.m. on Saturdays. We are not trying to close anything, we just want to set a closing time for public safety said Mayor Louviere. Alderman Colby Perry questioned the reasoning on why we needed to set a closing time. Ben Richard stated if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it. He also said that the bars aren’t open 24 hours. Pat Stebbins stated he usually closes Stebb’s Place around 3:00 a.m. on Thursdays and Fridays. It was moved by Rodney Trahan, seconded by Robert Owens to close the public hearing. Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

045. It was moved for adoption by Rodney Trahan, seconded by Robert Owens.

 Proposition No. 264 Ordinance No. 768

 An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of not exceeding Nine

 Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars ($975,000) of Taxable

 Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2017, of the Town of Welsh, State

 of Louisiana, prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Bonds;

 providing for the payment thereof; entering into certain other covenants and agreements in connection with the security and payment of said Bonds;

 selling said Bonds to the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund;

 authorizing the execution of a Loan and Pledge Agreement and other loan

 documents with the Louisiana Department of Health; providing for the

 delivery of the Bonds to said Department; and providing for other

 matters in connection therewith.

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.

046. Deferred.

043. The following resolution was offered by Lawrence Mier, seconded by Robert Owens.

 RESOLUTION 005-2017

 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCIAL

 ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

 UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

 PROGRAM

 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.

044. The following resolution was offered by Robert Owens, seconded by Colby Perry.

 RESOLUTION 006-2017

 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2016

 PARISH-WIDE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

 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.

047. Deferred.

048. It was moved by Rodney Trahan, seconded by Robert Owens to approve the Liquor License for Dollar General.

 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.

049. It was moved by Lawrence Mier, seconded by Rodney Trahan to approve the Liquor License for Conoco Food Mart.

 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.

050. It was moved by Colby Perry, seconded by Andrea King to approve road closure of Prudhomme Street (between Martin Luther King and Millard Streets) on July 8, 2017 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. for a family event. Motion Carried.

 Vote 5-0.

051. Eddie Achan wanted to know when a pavilion will be put up at Richmond Park that has been promised since at least 2 years ago. The Mayor said she would see to it soon.

053. It was moved by Robert Owens, seconded by Colby Perry to accept the recommendation of Assistant Chief Richard Caillier to move Samuel Trey Herndon from part time Patrol to fulltime Patrol with a 90 day probationary period. Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

 It was moved by Robert Owens, seconded by Lawrence Mier to accept the recommendation of Assistant Chief Richard Caillier to hire Jeffrey Hooper as part time Patrol with a 90 day probationary period. Motion Carried. Vote 5-0.

052. Charles Drake reported that the Lagniappe Festival BBQ Fundraiser at Saint Joseph’s Catholic Church will be held this Sunday, March 12, 2017. Everyone can start signing up at City Hall for booth rental for the Lagniappe Festival now. Booth rent for crafts will be $35.00 and booth rent for Food will be $125.00. Band Schedule will be done within the next week or so.

 Michelle Ramagos, Director of Parks and Recreation, reported that baseball sign up is over and she had about 200 kids to enroll and opening day will be on April 8, 2017.

 Wayne Hebert, Co-Superintendent, reported that Guinn Construction will be mobilizing equipment towards the end of the week and hope to get started on the Nichols Street Bridge Repairs by Monday, March 13, 2017.

 Tracy Goodwin, Co-Superintendent, reported that the I-10 project is moving along well and should have electrical power in the next week or two.

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

ATTEST: APPROVAL:

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Stephanie Benoit, Town Clerk Carolyn Louviere, Mayor