

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

TOWN OF WELSH
WELSH, LOUISIANA
AUGUST 4, 2020

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session at the Welsh Council Room on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Carolyn Louviere called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. Mr. Lawrence Mier led the pledge.

Roll call follows:

Present: Mayor Carolyn Louviere; Aldermen: Andrea King, Lawrence Mier, Colby Perry, Jackie Balmer.

Absent: Rodney Trahan.

Others in attendance: Eva Kibodeaux, Town Clerk, Tracy Goodwin, Co-Superintendent, Marcus Crochet, Police Chief, Michelle Ramagos, Recreation Director and Keeley Pitre, Animal Control Officer.

087. There was no agenda of the day.

088. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Ms. Andrea King to approve the minutes of July 7, 2020 as presented. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

089. Mayor Louviere opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 295 Ordinance No. 797 to grant CenterPoint Energy franchise tax for the Town of Welsh. Mr. Karl Arceneaux asked if we could change the amount of the franchise tax. Then Mr. Lindy Broussard, Jr. from CenterPoint Energy stated that they charged a 4% fee to all residential and commercial customers that have CenterPoint Energy in the Town of Welsh city limits. It was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to close the public hearing on Proposition No. 295 Ordinance No. 797 an ordinance granting CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., D/B/A CenterPoint Energy Louisiana Gas, the right to construct, install, operate and maintain facilities for the transportation, distribution and sale of gas in the municipality and, for such purposes, to use and excavate in the public highways, streets, sidewalks, alleys, squares, commons, grounds, and other publicly owned areas and levying a franchise (privilege) tax for that purpose. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

090. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Colby Perry to introduce Proposition No. 296 Ordinance No. 798 An ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Welsh, Louisiana, authorizing the Mayor to accept a donation of property located at 405 Benoit St., Welsh, Louisiana, and to execute a conversation servitude with the Road Home Corporation, A/K/A Road Home Corporation D/B/A Louisiana Land Trust to set public hearing on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call vote follows:

Yeas: Andrea King, Lawrence Mier, Colby Perry, Jackie Balmer

Nays: None

Absent: Rodney Trahan

Abstaining: None

Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

091. It was moved by Ms. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Colby Perry to introduce Proposition No. 297 Ordinance No. 799 An ordinance amending a budget for the Town of Welsh, Louisiana, for the Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 to set public hearing on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call vote follows:

Yeas: Andrea King, Lawrence Mier, Colby Perry, Jackie Balmer

Nays: None

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Absent: Rodney Trahan
Abstaining: None
Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

092. The following Ordinance was moved by Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer.

PROPOSITION NO. 295 ORDINANCE 797

An Ordinance granting CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., D/B/A CenterPoint Energy Louisiana Gas, the right to construct, install, operate and maintain facilities for the transportation, distribution and sale of gas in the municipality and, for such purposes, to use and excavate in the public highways, streets, sidewalks, alleys, squares, commons, grounds, and other publicly owned areas and levying a franchise (privilege) tax for that purpose.

Roll call vote follows:

Yeas: Andrea King, Lawrence Mier, Colby Perry, Jackie Balmer
Nays: None
Absent: Rodney Trahan
Abstaining: None
Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

093. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

094. It was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to dedicate a portion of Sportsman Park for Lyle Fontenot Memorial.

Roll call vote follows:

Yeas: Andrea King, Lawrence Mier, Colby Perry, Jackie Balmer
Nays: None
Absent: Rodney Trahan
Abstaining: None
Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

095. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to surplus 1994 Ford SVC Truck VIN # 1FDXK74C9RVA43687.

Roll call vote follows:

Yeas: Andrea King, Lawrence Mier, Colby Perry, Jackie Balmer
Nays: None
Absent: Rodney Trahan
Abstaining: None
Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

Michelle Ramagos, Recreation Director, gave a report we are in the process of taking down the nets and getting them dipped at Sportsman Park to make the nets last longer. She stated that Welsh High School put up a fence behind the bull pin. Then she went on to say that the pee wee football season has been postponed due to the coronavirus.

Ms. Andrea King asked when Welsh Street was going to be completed and also addressed the broken drainage on the sidewalk on Welsh Street. Mayor Louviere stated that she would get with Mr. Wayne Hebert, Co-Superintendent on the project.

096. There being no further business, it was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Colby Perry to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

ATTEST:

APPROVAL:

EVA C. KIBODEAUX, TOWN CLERK

CAROLYN LOUVIERE, MAYOR

