

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

TOWN OF WELSH
WELSH, LOUISIANA
OCTOBER 5, 2021

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session at the Welsh Council Room on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Karl Arceneaux called the meeting to order and Mrs. Jackie Balmer 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, Richard Arceneaux, Town Attorney, Wes LeBlanc, Superintendent, John Hall, Fire Chief, and Robbie Vanicor, Recreation Director.

180. It was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to adopt the agenda of the day which consists of #188. Eddie Achan to discuss street signs, #189. Brady Hall to discuss eagle scout project #190. Nora Pickle 206 Derouen to issue a variance.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstaining: None

Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

181. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to approve the minutes of September 7, 2021 as presented. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

187. Mr. C. Burton Kolder from Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC. presented the 2020 – 2021 audit report.

It was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to accept the audit report as presented. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

189. Brady Hall presented to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen his eagle scout project. He made a box so people could put their retired American Flags in this box. Then the VFW will remove flags. Then they will retire them properly by burning on Memorial Day.

182. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 317 Ordinance No. 819 to declare library lot surplus. The Mayor stated that Welsh would be the premier location for the Jefferson Davis Parish Library.

It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

183. The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer.

PROPOSITION NO. 317 ORDINANCE NO. 819

An ordinance 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:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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Abstaining: None

Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

184. It was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to set trick or treat hours on October 31, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

185. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to surplus ZD326 60" mower Serial # TL711348 and bring to Bruchhaus & Bruchhaus to be sold. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

186. It was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to open a checking account for the Garbage Truck Reserve at JD Bank. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

188. Mr. Eddie Achan asked that the Town put up red street signs on Martin Luther King St. The Mayor and Town Council agreed to do so.

190. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Ms. Andrea to allow Mrs. Nora Pickle 90 day variance to move single wide trailer on the property located at 206 Derouen St. and remove the home within 90 days. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Wes LeBlanc, Superintendent reported that ditches are being dug in the Town. The Town will be giving the dirt away to residents who contact City Hall. Electrical crews are trimming limbs out of electrical lines. Mayor Arceneaux reported that on October 12, 13 & 14, 2021 the town will be shutting off water throughout the town from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. Wes also reported that we are having trouble with one voltage regulator on the transformer at the substation. Wes also mentioned maybe getting a filter for the sewer plant to catch all the debris from the truck dumping sewer. The cost of the filter is \$40,000.00

Mr. Robbie Vanicor, Recreation Director made a report on the peewee football program. He stated for opening weekend they had 703 people attend. The last weekend in October will be the closing weekend in Welsh. Then Welsh will also host the super bowl the 2nd weekend in November. He also mentioned having a fundraiser to buy new football equipment. The Mayor and the council agreed with him moving forward with a fundraiser.

Mr. John Hall, Fire Chief reported he received the quote for the battery operated excretion equipment it came in at \$10,000.00 about \$3,500.00 less than he had thought. He also reported that the old cash & carry warehouse on Welsh St. is going to be burned.

191. There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

ATTEST:

APPROVAL:

EVA C. KIBODEAUX, TOWN CLERK

KARL ARCENEAUX, MAYOR