

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 4, 2019

PRESENT:

Mayor: Ryan “Spanky” Meche

Councilman: Errol Comeaux, Christine Semien, Pat O’Pry, Chris Lebas, Kim Cormier (Quorum)

Town Attorney: Brad Andrus

Chief of Police: Dale Thibodeaux

ABSENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR

1. Motion made to amend the agenda by Councilman Chris Lebas and seconded by Pat O’Pry. Unanimous vote in favor of amending the agenda. As such the following items were added to the agenda:
 - Presentation of Dream Declaration by Councilman Chris Lebas- Resolution
2. Reading and approval of the January 2019 minutes to accept minutes as read. Motion made by Councilman Errol Comeaux and seconded by Councilman Chris Lebas with a unanimous vote in favor of such.
3. Approval of the 2018 financial report. Motion by Councilman Errol Comeaux and seconded by Councilman Chris Lebas; unanimous vote in favor thereof for approval.
4. Formal adoption of new council meeting protocol. There will be a public comment period prior to any action item on the agenda in which a vote is required ; a maximum two minute time period will be given to each person in the audience who wishes to comment on such action item. Motion made by Councilwoman Christine Semien and seconded by Councilman Pat O’pry. , unanimous vote in favor thereof.
5. Appointment of Town Clerk, recommendation made by the Mayor wherein he recommended Rowdy Latiolais. Council approved such recommendation by of a Motion

by Councilman Errol Comeaux and seconded by Councilman Chris Lebas, unanimous vote in favor thereof.

6. Royal Engineering discussed zoning and more in particular the town of Church Point's inadequate, imprecise and inexact corporate boundaries and stated that it was imperative that the town boundaries be defined with exact certainty based upon the fact that, as of the date of the council meeting, February 4, 2019, no one can state with any degree of certainty where the towns boundary lines are located and confusion is created because the town of Church Point's has several different zoning maps with neither indicating where the towns boundary lines are located with any degree of certainty . Further discussion noted that there are many people who have been voting for many, many years in the town's elections that may not even be in the corporate limits of the town of Church Point. Furthermore, Church Point Chief of Police Dale Thibodeaux stated that the map that his office has indicated in light blue color where jurisdictional boundaries are located, indicated that according to such his jurisdictional boundary extends all the way to the corner of Napp Street and Highway 35 where Swinging Doors is located. Such map is located in the hallway of the police station and can be identified as The Church Point Street Map as printed in the pamphlet promoting Acadia Parish. The map referred to has a listing of all streets within the corporate limits of the towns of Church Point. The Chief indicated that his department responds to all triggered alarms at G& H Seed Company which is located at the corner of Highway 35 and Fabian Drive for as long as he can remember as the Chief and in the past as a police officer for many years with the Church Point Police Department. Mayor advised the council that fixing the boundaries of the town are necessary and needed as this has been an ongoing problem and will create major problems down the road for the Town of Church Point therefore correcting such problems are necessary. Requested by Mayor for the town to temporarily adopt Royal Engineering map to use as the towns zoning map going from the date of this council meeting forward until such boundaries are fixed properly which may take some time and the police department will use its current map in order to ascertain its jurisdictional boundaries for the time being until such is determined with specificity.
7. Mayor advised the council that he will be streamlining a project in order to get the town ordinances in order and submitted to MUNICODE for publication of such online. Discussion item only.
8. Mayor advised the council and the public about the ditch project regarding the cleaning out all ditches from McMillian Street to Rogers Street. Discussion item only.
9. Chief Dale Thibodeaux requested \$3000 from the narcotics fund to pay for new police uniforms. The uniforms will be owned by the town, temporary name tags will be used. Motion made by Councilman Chris Lebas and seconded by Councilman Errol Comeaux.

10. Chief Dale Thibodeaux gave a monthly report to council.
11. Resolution requesting that the State of Louisiana pass a law allowing golf carts and utility terrain vehicles to cross all highways located within the corporate limits of the town of Church Point. Motion made by Councilman Errol Comeaux , seconded by Pat O’Pry, unanimous vote in favor thereof.
12. Proposal for liquor license exemption for OMP Extravaganza on March 30, 2019. Motion made by Councilwoman Christine Semien and seconded by Councilman Pat O’Pry, unanimous vote in favor thereof to grant such liquor license exemption to OMP for the Extravaganza on March 30, 2019.
13. Proposal for an Exemption from having to purchase a Special Event Permit for Main Street Shell located at 249 South Main Street for Mardi Gras Sunday, March 3, 2019. Motion made by Councilwoman Pat O’Pry and seconded by Councilman Errol Comeaux, unanimous vote in favor thereof to grant an exemption from having to purchase a Special Event Permit for Main Street Shell located at 249 South Main Street for Mardi Gras Sunday, March 3, 2019.
14. Request to close and transfer the following checking accounts at St. Martin Bank (Home Bank) Account # xxxx-514 (\$885.41) and Account #xxxx014 (\$100.00). Motion made by Councilwoman Pat O’Pry and seconded by Councilman Kim Cormier, unanimous vote in favor thereof;
15. Mayor informed public of the ordinance in Church Point which prevents anyone from parking anything of any kind on the shoulders of main street from Fred’s to corner of Plaquemine Street and Main Street.
16. Mayor informed public of the rescheduling of the town council meeting from March 4, 2019 to March 11, 2019.
17. Councilman Chris Lebas presented a Dream Declaration to the public as well as the town council, requested that such be done by resolution. Dream Declaration states: “A beautiful, unified, and prosperous town with: a growing economy, an inviting and supportive business environment, an efficient and effective government, outstanding police and fire departments, excellent schools, recreation and cultural programs, and improving infrastructure.” Motion was made by Councilman Chris Lebas and seconded by Councilwoman Christine Semien, unanimous vote in favor thereof.

16. **ADJOURNMENT** -Motion made by Pat O’Pry, seconded by Chris Lebas, Motion carried by unanimous vote

APPROVED AS TO AUTHENTENCITY:

RYAN MECHE
MAYOR

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TOWN CLERK-(TEMPORARY)

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