

MUNICIPAL MINUTES, TOWN OF CHURCH POINT, STATE OF LOUISIANA

REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 3RD 2020

ATTENDANCE

MAYOR: Ryan “Spanky” Meche

ALDERMEN: Christine Semien (Ward 1), Kim Cormier (Ward 2), Pat O’Pry (Ward 3), Chris Lebas (Ward 4),
Errol “Slu” Comeaux (Ward 5)

CHIEF OF POLICE: Dale Thibodeaux

TOWN ATTORNEY: Brad Andrus

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Rowdy Latiolais

COMMENCEMENT

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Meche called the Regular Council Meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Prayer lead by Councilman Kim Cormier / Pledge led by Councilwoman Christine Semien

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was moved by O’Pry, seconded by Comeaux to accept the regular meeting minutes as written.

Vote: All in favor

Minutes unanimously accepted

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by Cormier to accept the December 2019 financial report.

Vote: All in favor

Financial report unanimously accepted.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Lebas, seconded by O’Pry to approve a resolution changing the name of North Street to Pavlu Street, with the added provision of correcting the spelling of town street names Murel, Estilette, Eby, Roger, and Delahoussaye.

Vote: YEAS – Comeaux, Lebas, O’Pry, Cormier NAYS: Semien

Resolution approved.

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by O'Pry to approve a resolution to close CenturyTel checking account #215692 at Farmers State Bank.

Vote: All in favor

Resolution approved.

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by O'Pry to approve a budget amendment for Mardi Gras expenses as follows: \$15,000 police; \$7,500 town.

Vote: All in favor

Budget amendment unanimously approved.

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by Lebas to approve a Mardi Gras barricades purchase match with the Saddle Tramp and Sunnys, with the town matching \$5,000 worth of barricades from the Saddle Tramp, along with the town matching the purchase of ten barricades by Sunnys.

Vote: All in favor

Barricade match unanimously approved.

It was moved by Lebas, seconded by Semien to approve a \$5,000 donation match with Church Point Community Development.

Vote: All in favor

Donation match unanimously approved

It was moved by Cormier, seconded by Semien to approve an introduction of a rate of pay change for the mayor.

Vote: All in favor

Introduction unanimously approved

It was introduced by O'Pry to approve a rate of pay change for town councilmembers.

Vote: All in favor

Introduction unanimously approved

It was moved by O'Pry, seconded by Comeaux to approve the purchase of a truck for the mayor.

Vote: All in favor

Purchase unanimously approved

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by Lebas to approve engineering fees for the Marie Street water line project in the amount of \$6,500.

Vote: All in favor

Engineering fees unanimously approved.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

It was moved by Cormier, seconded by O'Pry to approve full-time officer provisional hire Sherry Nicole Price Fontenot.

Vote: All in favor

Hire unanimously approved

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by Semien to approve the hire of part-time dispatchers Richard Truax and Elena Carreon.

Vote: All in favor

Hires unanimously approved

It was moved by O'Pry, seconded by Cormier to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$1,800 for police body-camera warranties.

Vote: All in favor

Budget amendment unanimously approved

It was moved by O'Pry, seconded by Semien to reinstate reserve officer Brian Harper.

Vote: All in favor

Reserve officer unanimously reinstated

It was moved by Cormier, seconded by O'Pry to add Nicholas Couvillion to the reserve forces.

Vote: All in favor

Reserve officer unanimously added

It was moved by O'Pry, seconded by Semien to approve of the updated policy and procedure manual from LMA regarding sexual harassment.

Vote: All in favor

Motion unanimously carried

LEGAL

It was moved by Lebas, seconded by O'Pry to approve an introduction to a proposed ordinance lifting the fireworks ban on July 3-4 from 6PM-10PM, December 25th from 6PM-10PM, December 31 from 6PM-1 AM (Jan 1st) and Jan 1st from 6PM-10PM.

Vote: All in favor

Proposed ordinance unanimously introduced

It was moved by Lebas, seconded by Semien to approve the introduction of a proposed ordinance regulating the removal of dead and diseased trees.

Vote: All in favor

Proposed ordinance unanimously introduced

It was moved by Lebas, seconded by Cormier to approve the introduction of an amendment to an ordinance designating the zoning on both street sides extending from 209 South Main - 620 West Canal as C-2.

Vote: All in favor

Amendment unanimously introduced

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded O’Pry to approve a liquor license exemption for the Julie Badeaux benefit to be held on May 9th at Church Point City Park.

Vote: All in favor

Liquor license exemption unanimously approved

It was moved by Lebas, seconded by O’Pry to approve a liquor license for Anthony Richard, owner of Da Station, located at 400 North Beagh, with the provision of no live music/bands at said bar.

Vote: All in favor

Liquor license unanimously approved

CLOSING

It was moved by O’Pry, seconded by Semien to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All in favor

Meeting unanimously adjourned

APPROVED AS TO AUTHENTICITY:

RYAN MECHE, MAYOR

DATE

ROWDY LATIOLAIS, CLERK

DATE

