

**MUNICIPAL MINUTES, TOWN OF CHURCH POINT, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**REGULAR MEETING JULY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 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

**MUNICIPAL CLERK:** Rowdy Latiolais

**TOWN ATTORNEY:** Lucas Colligan

**ABSENT:** None

**COMMENCEMENT**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Meche called the Regular Council Meeting to order.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Prayer led by Councilman Chris Lebas / Pledge led by Councilman Comeaux.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

Vote: All in favor

*Minutes unanimously accepted*

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by O’Pry to accept the May 2020 financial report.

Vote: All in favor

*Financial report unanimously accepted.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by O’Pry to adopt the 2020 adjusted millage rate at 6.95 Max Mills.

Vote: All in favor

*Adjusted millage rate unanimously accepted.*

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by Cormier to approve a \$15,000 budget amendment for road limestone.

Vote: All in favor

*Motion unanimously approved*

It was moved by Lebas, seconded by Comeaux to approve a \$10,000 budget amendment for a crosswalk on Guidry Street.

Vote: All in favor

*Motion unanimously approved*

It was moved by O'Pry, seconded by Semien to approve a \$19,400 budget amendment for two side by side vehicles for the water department.

Vote: All in favor

*Motion unanimously approved*

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

It was moved by Cormier, seconded by Semien to approve a \$1.00 per hour raise for patrol officers recommended by Chief Thibodeaux.

Vote: All in favor

*Motion unanimously approved*

It was moved by O'Pry, seconded by Comeaux to introduce an ordinance increasing the Chief of Police's salary.

Vote: All in favor

*Introduction unanimously approved; public hearing set for August 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:55 P.M.*

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by Cormier to approve a resolution authorizing Chief Thibodeaux to provisionally hire reserve officers under a 90 day probation period, after which a recommendation would be made to the council for permanent status.

Vote: All in favor

*Motion unanimously approved*

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by O'Pry to approve Hunter Hare as full-time police officer.

Vote: All in favor

*Motion unanimously approved*

It was moved by Cormier, seconded by O'Pry to approve reserve appointment of Derek Venable.

Vote: All in favor

*Motion unanimously approved*

It was moved by Semien, seconded by O'Pry to approve Shawn Carriere Jr. as full-time police officer, pending a psyche evaluation.

Vote: All in favor

*Motion unanimously approved*

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

It was moved by Lebas, seconded by Comeaux to adopt a resolution to advertise for a consultant to assist with application and design for projects funded by Louisiana Watershed Initiative.

Vote: All in favor

*Resolution unanimously approved*

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by Cormier to approve a budget amendment of \$35,000 for development of the Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Report for USDA grant/loan application.

Vote: All in favor

*Motion unanimously approved*

## **LEGAL**

It was moved by O'Pry, seconded by Lebas to adopt the proposed amendment to Article VII, Curfew For Minors, replacing the age from 16 to 17 as per state law.

Vote: All in favor

*Amendment unanimously approved*

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by O'Pry to adopt the proposed amendment to council meeting start times, moving the time to 6:00 P.M.

Vote: All in favor

*Amendment unanimously approved*

It was moved by Lebas, seconded by Semien to approve an introduction of potential changes to the current fire ordinance.

Vote: All in favor

*Introduction unanimously approved; public hearing set for August 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:55 P.M.*

It was moved by Lebas, seconded by Semien to approve an introduction of potential changes to the current mobile home ordinance.

Vote: All in favor

*Introduction unanimously approved; public hearing set for August 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:55 P.M.*

It was moved by O’Pry, seconded by Comeaux to approve a resolution to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with Jasper Bellard, allowing for a parking lot to be built on town property adjacent to Cajun Country Lounge.

Vote: All in favor

*Resolution unanimously approved*

It was moved by O’Pry, seconded by Semien to approve a liquor license request for Market Mendoza at 150 South Main Street.

Vote: All in favor

*Liquor license unanimously approved*

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by O’Pry to approve liquor license exemption for Dwayne’s Dream Team fundraiser to be held on August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Gertrude Wimberley Community Center.

Vote: All in favor

*Liquor license exemption unanimously approved*

**CLOSING**

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

Vote: All in favor

*Meeting unanimously adjourned*

**APPROVED AS TO AUTHENTICITY:**

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**RYAN MECHE, MAYOR**

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**DATE**

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**ROWDY LATIOLAIS, CLERK**

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**DATE**

