

MUNICIPAL MINUTES, TOWN OF CHURCH POINT, STATE OF LOUISIANA

REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 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

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 Cormier / Pledge led by Councilman Lebas.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDS

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by O’Pry to amend the agenda to include the following:

Declaration of surplus of 1981 International truck and building at 102 North David property; liquor license exemption for Church Point Alumni Tournament.

Vote: All in favor

Agenda unanimously amended

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by Semien to declare surplus the 1981 International truck. Sealed bids will be opened at the following council meeting with high bidder to have truck moved within thirty days of bid acceptance.

Vote: All in favor

1981 International unanimously declared surplus

It was moved by Cormier, seconded by Lebas to declare surplus the building at 102 North David. Sealed bids will be opened at the following council meeting with high bidder to have building moved within thirty days of bid acceptance.

Vote: All in favor

Building at 102 North David unanimously declared surplus

It was moved by O’Pry, seconded by Semien to approve a liquor license exemption for the Church Point Alumni Tournament to be held on September 18-19 at the Church Point City Park.

Vote: All in favor

Liquor license exemption unanimously approved

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by Cormier to accept the minutes as written.

Vote: All in favor

Minutes unanimously accepted

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Vote: All in favor

Financial report unanimously accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by O’Pry, seconded by Lebas to adopt an ordinance increasing the Chief of Police’s salary from \$40,942.94 to \$48,942.94. This does not include the Chief’s yearly supplemental pay of \$6000, which brings the total salary of the Chief of Police to \$54,942.94.

Vote: All in favor

Chief of Police salary increase unanimously approved

It was moved by Lebas, seconded by Comeaux to approve a \$10,000 Capital Outlay Improvements (line item 7951-170) match of the \$10,000 donation by Community Development for playground equipment at Central Park.

Vote: All in favor

Match unanimously approved

LEGAL

It was moved by Lebas, seconded by Comeaux to amend the proposed fire ordinance amendment to include the minimum fine of \$50 plus court costs for offenses.

Vote: All in favor

Proposed fire ordinance unanimously amended

It was moved by Lebas, seconded by Comeaux to adopt the proposed amendment to the current fire ordinance.

Vote: All in favor

Amendment unanimously approved; posted in appendix

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by Lebas to table the potential adoption of the proposed amendment to the current mobile home ordinance.

Vote: All in favor

Proposed amendment unanimously tabled

MISC/DISCUSSION

It was moved by O’Pry, seconded by Semien to move the September council meeting date to September 14, 2020 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Vote: All in favor

Meeting date unanimously moved

CLOSING

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

Vote: All in favor

Meeting unanimously adjourned

APPROVED AS TO AUTHENTICITY:

RYAN MECHE, MAYOR

DATE

ROWDY LATIOLAIS, CLERK

DATE

APPENDIX

The following amendment was motioned by Councilman Lebas, seconded by Councilman Comeaux, and duly resolved and adopted on this 3rd day of August, 2020:

To amend Chapter 10, Article I, Section 10.1, as follows:

Current Text listed below is repealed in its entirety:

Section 10.1. Trash fires Restricted:

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to start or set any trash fire including, but not limited to branches, leaves, tires, paper, grass or debris where such fire is not protected by an approved incinerator, similar to that of the American Insurance Association marked P-1, within the municipality limits.
- (b) Whoever starts or sets a trash fire within the municipal limits without protection by a proper incinerator shall be punished as provided in section 1.8 of this code.

Current Text is replaced with the following:

Section 10.1. Trash fires Restricted:

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to start or set any open fire or to burn any grass, leaves, brush or debris within the municipal limits of the Town of Church Point. Provided however, this shall not apply to the following:
 - (1) Fire pits with a screen cover or man-made pits no larger than 5 feet in diameter which burns logs only and is located, constructed, maintained and used as to minimize fire hazards and smoke nuisance; approved fire pits are subject to extinguishment if a complaint is received by the Church Point Fire Department due to excessive smoke; and providing that burn be constantly attended and there is always an accessible water source available to extinguish the fire; and
 - (2) Agricultural open burns in fields.

- (3) In isolated areas, open burning may be conducted at a location at least 150 feet from the adjacent property line, providing that burn be constantly attended and there is always an accessible water source available to extinguish the fire.
- (b) Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than \$50 plus court costs nor more than \$300.00 plus court costs and shall be summoned to the town's mayor's court in connection therewith.

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON THE MAYOR'S SIGNING SUCH AND UPON THE PUBLISHING OF SUCH IN THE CHURCH POINT NEWS.

Ryan Meche, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rowdy Latiolais, Clerk

