

MUNICIPAL MINUTES, TOWN OF CHURCH POINT, STATE OF LOUISIANA

REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING JULY 12TH, 2021

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Meche called the public hearing to order so that comment could be offered on the following:

Addition of speed bump on Roger Street.

Amendment of animal ordinance.

No public comments were offered.

COMMENCEMENT

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Meche called the Regular Council Meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Prayer led by Councilman Lebas / Pledge led by Councilman O’Pry.

AGENDA AMENDMENT

It was moved by Cormier, seconded by O’Pry to amend the agenda to include an introduction to an ordinance changing the zoning at 901 East Plaquemine from residential to commercial.

Vote: All in favor

Agenda amended

It was moved by Cormier, seconded by O'Pry to introduce an ordinance changing the zoning at 901 East Plaquemine from residential to commercial.

Vote: All in favor

Introduction approved; public hearing set for August 2nd, 2021 at 5:45 P.M.

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was moved by O'Pry, seconded by Semien to accept the minutes as written.

Vote: All in favor

Minutes accepted

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by Lebas to accept the May 2021 financial report.

Vote: All in favor

Financial report accepted.

NEW BUSINESS:

FINANCE

It was moved by Lebas, seconded by Comeaux to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$12,460 for Royal Engineering annexation/boundary work.

Vote: All in favor

Budget amendment approved

It was moved by O'Pry, seconded by Semien to approve a budget amendment match in the amount of \$3,804 for Community Development.

Vote: All in favor

Budget amendment match approved

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by Semien to approve a budget amendment match in the amount of \$1,500, donated by Bobby Badon, for Parks and Recreation.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

It was moved by Cormier, seconded by O'Pry to approve the full-time hire of Officer Logan Campbell.

Vote: All in favor

Hire approved

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by Cormier to approve the part-time hire of dispatcher Dolores Stroud.

Vote: All in favor

Hire approved

LEGAL

It was moved by Lebas, seconded by Semien to approve an ordinance adding a speed bump on Roger Street.

Vote: All in favor

Speed bump approved

It was moved by Lebas, seconded by Comeaux to adopt an ordinance amending the current animal ordinance.

Vote: All in favor

Ordinance adopted; posted in appendix

MISC/DISCUSSION

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by O’Pry to approve a resolution granting the authority to the mayor to sign and submit all necessary documents along with adopting certain policies, plans and procedures in connection with the FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant Program for a sewer system improvements project.

Vote: All in favor

Resolution approved

It was moved by O’Pry, seconded by Lebas to approve a liquor license exemption for Community Development Casino Night, to be held on August 14th, 2021 at the Community Center.

Vote: All in favor

Exemption approved

It was moved by O’Pry, seconded by Comeaux to approve a liquor license for Dollar General store at 821 South Main.

Vote: All in favor

License approved

CLOSING

It was moved by Cormier, seconded by Lebas to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All in favor

Meeting adjourned

APPROVED AS TO AUTHENTICITY:

RYAN MECHE, MAYOR

DATE

ROWDY LATIOLAIS, CLERK

DATE

APPENDIX

ORDINANCE No. 071221-1

AN ORDINANCE DEFINING, REGULATING, AND CONTROLLING THE PRESENCE OF CERTAIN ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF CHURCH POINT.

WHEREAS, The Board of Alderman for the Town of Church Point recognizes all of its rights, duties, and obligations to regulate and maintain the safety, peace, and welfare of the public;

WHEREAS, The Town of Church Point deems it necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public, in part by regulating and controlling the presence of certain animals and livestock within the city limits;

WHEREAS, the Town of Church Point, makes and adopts the following findings and purposes::

Section 1: Animal Regulations

- A. Residents are permitted to possess and maintain one horse per acre and a minimum of one-half (1/2) acre for each additional horse.
- B. Residents are permitted to possess and maintain one cow per acre and a minimum of one-half (1/2) acre for each additional cow.
- C. Residents are permitted to possess and maintain four sheep per acre.
- D. Residents are permitted to possess and maintain two goats per acre.
- E. Residents are permitted to possess and maintain chickens, ducks and birds. Such must be kept in a cage or fence in order to prevent free range and roaming beyond the resident's property. Roosters must be kept in a cage overnight that must be at least 150 feet from the closest neighboring residence or occupied building.
- F. Residents are permitted to possess and maintain up to three adult dogs, over the age of 8 months, per household. Dogs must be fenced in or on a leash while on the resident's property. Dogs must be held on a leash by a person while outside of the resident's property. Dogs are permitted to be off a leash while inside the confines to the town's dog park but must be supervised at all times by the dog's guardian.
- G. Residents are not permitted to possess or maintain potbelly pigs above 75 lbs. within the city limits.

H. No animal shall cause a nuisance to any resident in the town. Three complaints made by a person within a 30 day period shall permit a citation and summons for an animal causing a nuisance. The Court will determine whether that animal constitutes an actual nuisance which unreasonably disturbs the peace, welfare and safety of the public.

Section 2: Penalties

- A. Any person who violates any provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction, be fined any amount up to \$100.00 or imprisoned for not more than ten (10) days for a first offense.
- B. Any person who violates any provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction, be fined any amount up to \$250.00 or imprisoned for not more than twenty-five (25) days for a second offense.
- C. Any person who violates any provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction, be fined any amount up to \$500.00 or imprisoned for not more than fifty (50) days for a third offense.

THUS DONE AND PASSED, at Church Point, Louisiana, this 12th day of July, 2021, after due reading of the whole.