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

**AMENDED AGENDA / EXCEUCTIVE SESSION / REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 3rd 2025 MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**MAYOR:** Ryan “Spanky” Meche

**ALDERMEN:** Gene Malbrough (Ward 1), Joy Daigle (Ward 2), Pat O’Pry (Ward 3),

Dale Wimberley (Ward 4), Jerome Landry (Ward 5)

**CHIEF OF POLICE:** Dale Thibodeaux

**TOWN ATTORNEY:** Lucas Colligan

**MUNICIPAL CLERK:** Valerie Clayton

**TOWN ENGINEER**: Jeremy Fontenot

**ABSENT:** None

**COMMENCEMENT**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Meche called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Prayer led by Councilwoman Daigle / Pledge led by Councilman O’Pry.

**REVISION OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Councilman Malbrough, seconded by Councilman O’Pry to amend the agenda to introduce an ordinance to add a speed bump on N. Arceneaux St.

*Vote: All in favor; revision approved.*

It was moved by Councilman Malbrough, seconded by Councilman Wimberley to amend the agenda to go into executive session.

*Vote: All in favor; revision approved.*

It was moved by Councilman Wimberley, seconded by Councilman Landry to amend the agenda to add a special events permit for Mardi Gras at the Red Light to be held on February 23rd at 560 N. Main St.

*Vote: All in favor; revision approved.*

It was moved by Councilman Malbrough, seconded by Councilman O’Pry to amend the agenda to and a budget amendment of $1,389.00 for the Police Department due to freezing temperatures the week of January 20th 2025.

POLICE DEPARTMENT HEATER - STACEY’S A/C – $795.00

OVERTIME HOURS - $594.00

TOTAL BUDGET AMENDMENT -$1,389.00

*Vote: All in favor; revision approved.*

It was moved by Councilman O’Pry, seconded by Councilwoman Daigle to amend the agenda to and a budget amendment of $2,668.32 for the Street Department due to freezing temperatures the week of January 20th 2025.

STREET DEPARTMENT FORKLIFT – FALCON SERVICE - $2,146.74

OVERTIME HOURS - $539.58

TOTAL BUDGET AMENDMENT - $2668.32

*Vote: All in favor; revision approved.*

It was moved by Councilwoman Daigle, seconded by Councilman Wimberley to amend the agenda to and a budget amendment of $17,727.52 for the Sewer Department due to freezing temperatures the week of January 20th 2025.

SEWER DEPARTMENT PUMPS – GRINER DRILLING SERVICE INC. - $14,820.00

SEWER DEPARTMENT CLARIFIER WHEEL – PARKSON - $2,710.00

OVERTIME HOURS - $197.52

TOTAL BUDGET AMENDMENT - $17,727.52

*Vote: All in favor; revision approved.*

It was moved by Councilwoman Daigle, seconded by Councilman O’Pry to amend the agenda to and a budget amendment of $61,505.26 for the Water Department due to freezing temperatures the week of January 20th 2025.

WATER DEPARTMENT – COBURN’S - $298.81

WATER DEPARTMENT SLUDGE PIT LIFT STATION PUMP – $54,760.00

WATER DEPARTMENT TEMPORARY PUMP – CONGRESS OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT, INC. - $1599.00

WATER DEPARTMRNT EMERGENCY LEAK REPAIR – KIRKPATRICK CONSTRUCTION - $1,856.00

WATER DEPARTMRNT CO2 CHILLER FREON LEAK – STACEY’S A/C – $805.00

OVERTIME HOURS - $2,186.45

TOTAL BUDGET AMENDMENT - $61,505.26

*Vote: All in favor; revision approved*

**MINUTES**

It was moved by Councilman O’Pry, seconded by Councilwoman Daigle to approve the previous minutes.

*Vote: All in favor; minutes approved.*

**FINANCIALS**

It was moved by Councilman O’Pry, seconded by Councilman Landry to approve the November 2024 financials.

*Vote: All in favor; financials approved.*

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

It was moved by Councilwoman Daigle, seconded by Councilman Wimberley to approve the part-time hire of Jeremy Johnson. Jeremy Johnson will be placed on a 6-month training program and reevaluated in 6-months.

*Vote: All in favor; part-time hire approved.*

**FINANCE**

It was moved by Councilwoman Daigle, seconded by Councilman Malbrough to approve a budget amendment for a total of $25,000 for Church Point Saddle Tramp Mardi Gras held on March 1st 2025 and

March 2nd 2025. $15,000 for Police and $10,000 for the Town.

*Vote: All in favor; budget amendment approved.*

It was moved by Councilman O’Pry, seconded by Councilwoman Daigle to approve a resolution raising the capitalization limits to $3000 for governmental funds and $5000 for the utility fund.

*Vote: All in favor; resolution approved.*

**PUBLIC WORKS**

*NONE*

**LEGAL**

It was moved by Councilman Malbrough, seconded by Councilman O’Pry to introduce and ordinance to add a speed bump on N. Arceneaux St.

*Vote: All in favor; introduction of ordinance approved.*

It was moved by Councilman Landry, seconded by Councilman Malbrough to approve a liquor license exemption for the Saddle Tramp Riders Club Annual Courir de Mardi Gras, to be held on March 1st 2025 (Delivery) and March 2nd 2025 (Consumption).

*Vote: All in favor; liquor license exemption approved.*

*Note: Councilman O’Pry was not present during vote.*

It was moved by Councilman Wimberley, seconded by Councilman Landry to approve special events permit for Mardi Gras at the Red Light to be held on February 23rd at 560 N. Main St.

*Vote: All in favor; special events approved.*

It was moved by Councilwoman Daigle, seconded by Councilman Landry to approve a extending the date of purchasing special events permits for Mardi Gras until February 28th 2025.

*Vote: All in favor; extension approved.*

It was moved by Councilman Malbrough, seconded by Councilwoman Daigle to approve a special events permit for Tony Alfreds son who recently passed. Benefit to be held at the Home Bank parking lot on Saturday February 8, 2025.

*Vote: All in favor; special events permit approved.*

It was moved by Councilwoman Daigle, seconded by Councilman O’Pry to approve a special events permit for Knights of Peter Claver Annual Scholarship BBQ Benefit. Benefit to be held at the Church Point Depot on Saturday, April 5th, 2025.

*Vote: All in favor; special events permit approved.*

It was moved by Councilman Malbrough, seconded by Councilwoman Daigle to approve a special events permit for the Artisan Market to be held at Depot Park on March 8th, 2025.

*Vote: All in favor; special events permit approved.*

Jacob H. Hargett resigned as prosecutor for the Town of Church Point.

It was moved by Councilman Wimberley, seconded by Councilwoman Daigle to approve the appointment of Will McCombie as prosecutor for the Town of Church Point.

*Vote: All in favor; appointment approved.*

It was moved by Councilwoman Daigle, seconded by Councilman O’Pry to approve the reinstatement of Dale Wimberley to the board of the Acadia Parish Fire Protection District #10.

*Vote: All in favor; reinstatement approved.*

*Abstained: Dale Wimberley*

It was moved by Councilwoman Daigle, seconded by Councilman Landry to approve the reinstatement of Bert Faul to the board of the Acadia Parish Fire Protection District #10.

*Vote: All in favor; reinstatement approved.*

*Abstained: Dale Wimberley*

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It was moved by Councilwoman Daigle, seconded by Councilman Landry to approve the demolition of the blighted property located at 526 N. Ethel St. Parcel #0320122650; property owner not present.

*Vote: All in favor; demolition approved.*

It was moved by Councilman Malbrough, seconded by Councilwoman Daigle to approve the property owners plan of action at 118 Green Ally - Parcel #0320066600. Property owner has 6 months to complete the house repairs.

*Vote: All in favor; plan of action approved.*

It was moved by Council Malbrough, seconded by Councilwoman Daigle to approve the demolition of the blighted property located at Chico Ally – Parcel #0320008650; property owner not present.

*Vote: All in favor; demolition approved.*

It was moved by Council Malbrough, seconded by Councilwoman Daigle to approve the demolition of the blighted property located at 126 Martin Luther King Drive – Parcel #93200060750B; property owner not present.

*Vote: All in favor; demolition approved.*

It was moved by Council Landry, seconded by Councilman Malbrough to approve the demolition of the blighted property located at 434 W Hoover – Parcel #0320081900; property owner not present.

*Vote: All in favor; demolition approved.*

It was moved by Councilwoman Daigle, seconded by Councilman Wimberley to approve the demolition of the blighted property located at 413 Barousse St – Parcel #0320136100; property owner not present.

*Vote: All in favor; demolition approved.*

It was moved by Councilman Malbrough, seconded by Councilman Landry to approve the property owners plan of action at 104 Sunrise St – Parcel #0320054820. Property owner has 6 months to complete the house repairs.

*Vote: All in favor; plan of action approved.*

It was moved by Councilman Wimberley, seconded by Councilwoman Daigle to approve the demolition of the blighted property located at 535 S. Horecky – Parcel #0320065900; property owner not present.

*Vote: All in favor; demolition approved.*

It was moved by Councilman Malbrough, seconded by Councilman Wimberley to go into executive session.

*Vote: All in favor; execution session approved.*

It was moved by Councilwoman Daigle, seconded by Councilman Malbrough to come out of executive session.

*Vote: All in favor; execution session completed.*

**CLOSING**

It was moved by Councilman Malbrough, seconded by Councilman Landry to adjourn the meeting.

**APPROVED AS TO AUTHENTICITY:**

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**RYAN MECHE, MAYOR DATE**

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