

**MUNICIPAL MINUTES, TOWN OF CHURCH POINT, STATE OF LOUISIANA, REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2016**

ATTENDANCE

MAYOR: Russell Stelly

CHIEF OF POLICE: Albert Venable, Sr.

ALDERMEN: Errol Comeaux (Ward 5), Robert Dale Wimberley (Ward 4), Gary Duplechin (Ward 3), Joy Daigle (Ward 2), Gene Malbrough (Ward 1)

ABSENT: *None*

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: M. Todd Richard (Municipal Clerk),
Brad Andrus (Legal Counsel)

COMMENCEMENT

Call to order.

Mayor Stelly called the Regular Council Meeting to order.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation was led by Councilmember Daigle. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Councilmember Malbrough.

Recognition of Special Guest:

Representative Phillip DeVillier

Agenda amendment

A motion by Councilmember Malbrough, seconded by Councilmember Comeaux to amend the agenda under Legal (f) Noise Ordinance enforcement.

Motion carried and passed unanimously

A motion by Councilmember Malbrough, seconded by Councilmember Duplechin, for a liquor exemption for Church Point Cultural Musical & Historical series on November 25. Under Legal (g)

Motion carried and passed unanimously

A motion by Councilmember Malbrough, seconded by Councilmember Daigle, to have Legal Counsel speak on the Social Media Policy. Under Legal (h)

Motion carried and passed unanimously

Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

It was moved by Councilmember Comeaux seconded by Councilmember Wimberley to accept the minutes of the October 3rd regular meeting as presented

It was moved by Councilmember Comeaux seconded by Councilmember Wimberley to accept the minutes of the October 13th special meeting as presented

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Engineering

a. Mader Engineering request council approval Partial payment Estimate No.6 to Construction Pro. Inc. in the amount of \$ 32,196.21 for Rehabilitation of the Sewer Collection System.

It was moved by Councilmember Duplechin, seconded by Councilmember Wimberley to approve Partial Payment Estimate No.6 to Construction Inc. in the amount of \$ 32, 196.21 for Rehabilitation of the Sewer Collection System.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Comeaux, Wimberley, Duplechain, Malbrough, Daigle

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion carried and passed.

2. Municipal Department Reports

a. Warrant Officer Dale Thibodeaux Report

29 Bench warrants resolved by arrest and payment of warrants, **1** Warrant resolved by community service,

\$ 4,512.50 in cash collected for recovered bench warrants, **8** Recalled warrants, **16** Traffic citations issued, **13** Felony drug arrest. Assisted with stolen vehicle and recovery of illegal narcotics in vehicle. Conducted further investigation and was able to close five vehicle burglaries and close two other stolen vehicle cases while returning most of the items stolen in burglaries to owners. Arrested four juveniles and arrested two parents of these juveniles for in proper supervision of their minor children which allowed them to conduct criminal felony activities.

b. Chief Venable request the hiring of Richard Abadie as patrolman for C.P. Police Department.

Legal Counsel Brad Andrus asked Mr. Abadie at the Request of Chief Venable if he would waive his right of being given 24 hour notice prior to executive session to discuss his professional competence.

It was moved by Councilman Comeaux, seconded by Malbrough to convene into executive session to discuss with Mr. Abadie his professional competence.

It was moved by Councilmember Daigle, seconded by Councilmember Malbrough to reconvene from executive session.

It was moved by Councilmember Daigle, seconded by Councilmember Wimberley to hire Richard Abadie being under a 90 day probation for the completion of testing and passing necessary training

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Comeaux, Wimberley, Duplechain, Malbrough, Daigle

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion carried and passed.

c. Streets: Erection of Sign on R/R crossing arms on Main Street by CPCD for consideration of approval by Council.

It was moved Councilmember Wimberley, seconded by Councilmember Malbrough, to approved the erection of a Welcome to Church Point sign made by Church Point Community Development organization.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Comeaux, Wimberley, Duplechain, Malbrough, Daigle

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion carried and passed.

3. Legal

Introduction of Ordinances; Adoption of Ordinances:

Introduction of Ordinances:

a. Adoption/Amendment of Ordinance for New Fee Schedule for Commercial and Residential Permits Inspections & enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Building Code Inspection Services.

It was moved by Councilmember Comeaux, seconded by Councilmember Malbrough, to Amend Section 7-5 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Church Point to reflect the changes in the adoption of the

New Fee Schedule for Commercial and Residential Permits Inspections fees and enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Building Code Inspection Services.

For a Permit Attached and Identified as Exhibit (A)

BUILDING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE – CHURCH POINT

RESIDENTIAL PERMIT

New/Renovation/Addition/Demolition

\$3.50 per \$1000 fair market value as declared by the owner or \$82.48 per square foot under roof based on the National Association of Home Builders Southern regional average price per square foot for the year 2007. www.nahb.org, whichever is more.

Minimum Permit	\$100.00
House Moving	\$150.00
Plan Review	\$ 70.00

COMMERCIAL PERMITS

New/Renovation/Addition/Demolition

\$5.00 per \$1000 fair market value of improvement with a \$100.00 minimum.

Plan Review:

Per sheet	\$10.00
Minimum	\$100.00

SIGN

\$5.00 per \$1000 fair market value of improvement with a \$100.00 minimum.

GENERAL

Movable Homes	\$100.00
Modular Homes	\$100.00
Out of Town Inspection	\$150.00 Paid directly to BCIS
Re-inspection	\$ 50.00 Paid directly to BCIS
Extra/Partial Inspection	\$ 50.00 Paid directly to BCIS
Over time inspection	\$ 50.00 Paid directly to BCIS
General inspections	\$ 50.00 Paid directly to BCIS
“No Permit” Fee	Double Fee

PLUMBING FEE SCHEDULE

RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL *(per item)*

Water closets	\$5.00
Tubs	\$5.00
Lavatories	\$5.00
Sinks	\$5.00
Clothes Washer	\$5.00
Dish Washer	\$5.00
Showers	\$5.00
Floor Drains	\$5.00
Water Heater	\$5.00
Electric Water Cooler	\$5.00
Urinals	\$5.00
Misc. Fixtures	\$5.00
Storm/Roof Drain	\$5.00

GENERAL

Water service	\$ 50.00
Sewer Service	\$ 50.00
Gas Service	\$ 50.00
Grease Trap	\$ 50.00
Backflow Preventer	\$ 50.00
Rough-In <i>(Each)</i>	\$ 50.00
Water Heater Replacement	\$ 50.00
Smoke Test	\$ 50.00
General	\$ 50.00
Storm Drain per Rough-In	\$ 50.00
Storm Drain	\$ 50.00
Re-inspection	\$ 50.00 Paid directly to BCIS
Extra/Partial Inspection	\$ 50.00 Paid directly to BCIS
Over time inspection	\$ 50.00 Paid directly to BCIS
General inspections	\$ 50.00 Paid directly to BCIS
"No Permit" Fee	Double Fee

ELECTRICAL FEE SCHEDULE

RESIDENTIAL

New/Renovation/Addition	
Under 2000 sq ft of living	\$100.00
Under 3000 sq ft of living	\$125.00
Under 4000 sq ft of living	\$150.00
Equal to or over 4000 sq ft of living	\$175.00

GENERAL

# of Services/Meters (<i>Each</i>)	\$ 50.00
Mobile Home	\$ 50.00
Modular Homes	\$ 50.00
Movable Homes	\$ 50.00
Temp Pole (<i>Camper/Well</i>)	\$ 50.00

COMMERCIAL

Apartments (*Each Unit Plus Circuits*) \$100.00

New/Renovation/Addition			
Under 1000 amps	\$	Under 2000 amps	\$
50.00			
60.00			
Under 3000 amps	\$ 70.00		
Under 4000 amps	\$ 80.00		
Equal to or over 4000 amps	\$ 90.00		
Circuit Charge	\$ 4.00		
# of Services/Meters (<i>Each</i>)	\$ 50.00		
Temp Pole	\$ 50.00		

GENERAL

Pool	\$ 50.00
Sign	\$ 50.00
Re-inspection	\$ 50.00 Paid directly to BCIS
Extra/Partial Inspection	\$ 50.00 Paid directly to BCIS
Over time inspection	\$ 50.00 Paid directly to BCIS
General inspections	\$ 50.00 Paid directly to BCIS
"No Permit" Fee	Double Fee

A/C & HEATING FEE SCHEDULE

RESIDENTIAL

New/Renovation/Addition/Townhouse		
Per outlet		\$ 3.00
Per component	\$ 30.00	
Per system		\$ 30.00
Existing/Townhouse		
Per component	\$ 30.00	
Complete change out		\$ 50.00

COMMERCIAL

New/Renovation/Addition		
Up to 3 tons		\$ 50.00
4 to 10 tons		\$ 70.00
11 tons and above (<i>per ton</i>)		\$ 7.00
Each Grill (<i>added to tonnage</i>)		\$ 6.00
VAV Box only (<i>each</i>)		\$ 25.00
Unit Heaters (<i>each</i>)		\$ 25.00
Package system		<i>by tonnage</i>

APARTMENT

New		
Per Component		\$ 30.00
Per Package system		<i>by tonnage</i>
Per outlet (<i>added to system fee</i>)		\$ 2.00
Existing		
Complete replacement	\$ 50.00	
Per component	\$ 50.00	
Per outlet (<i>added to system fee</i>)		\$ 2.00

GENERAL

Mobile Home		\$ 50.00
Modular Homes		\$ 50.00
Movable Homes		\$ 50.00
Re-inspection		\$ 50.00 Paid directly to BCIS
Extra/Partial Inspection	\$ 50.00	Paid directly to BCIS
Over time inspection		\$ 50.00 Paid directly to BCIS
General inspections		\$ 50.00 Paid directly to BCIS
"No Permit" Fee		Double Fee

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Comeaux, Wimberley, Duplechain, Malbrough, Daigle

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion carried and passed.

b. Request for New Liquor License for Debbie's Lounge (New Owner).

It was moved by Councilmember Duplechain, seconded by Councilmember Wimberley, to grant a liquor license to the new owner of Debbie's Lounge.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Comeaux, Wimberley, Duplechain, Malbrough, Daigle

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion carried and passed.

c. Request for Liquor License exemption for Cajun Day fundraiser at Depot Park Nov. 9th and for Cajun Day Nov. 18th & 19th at the Saddle Tramp Riders Clubhouse.

It was moved by Councilmember Malbrough, seconded by Councilmember Comeaux to grant a liquor license exemption for November 9th for Cajun Day fundraiser at the Depot Park and Nov. 18th and 19th for Cajun Day at the Saddle Tramp Riders Clubhouse.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Comeaux, Wimberley, Duplechain, Malbrough

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED: Daigle

Motion carried and passed.

d. OMM Proclamation for the 75th Anniversary.

e. Resolution, Letter of Support for USGS gaging station at Bayou Plaquemine Bridge in Crowley and La. 35 Bridge in Church Point.

The following resolution was offered by Councilmember Duplechain, seconded by Councilmember Daigle and duly resolved and adopted on November 7, 2016.

RESOLUTION 110716-B

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CHURCH POINT, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, SUPPORTING THE REQUEST OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO SECURE THE INSTALLATION OF A PERMANENT CONTINUOUSLY REPORTING BAYOU STAGE GAGING STATION ON BAYOU PLAQUEMINE BRULE NEAR INTERSTATE 10 OR LA HWY 13, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL NECESSARY HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC MODELLING REQUIRED TO FORECAST AND REPORT STAGES AT FREQUENT INTERVALS ON A DAILY BASIS

WHEREAS, Bayou Plaquemine Brule and Bayou Wikoff Watersheds are major drainage areas that drain a significant portion of Acadia Parish, watersheds that encompasses Crowley, Rayne, Branch, Richard, Church Point and areas in between and around these municipalities and unincorporated communities; and

WHEREAS, the apparent increasing frequency of heavy rainfall events within these primary and secondary watersheds has led to severe and recurring flooding of property along and at great distances from the bayous over the past several years; and

WHEREAS, such severe flooding has resulted in the incalculable loss of buildings and property, great financial hardship for thousands of inhabitants, and untold human suffering; and

WHEREAS, climatologists and meteorologists advise that we should expect a continuation of increasingly more frequent intense rainfall events that lead to such flooding and human disasters; and

WHEREAS, the technology exists to monitor such conditions, predict their effects, and forewarn inhabitants and property owners of the onset of flooding many days in advance of such disasters; and

WHEREAS, monitoring, predicting and forewarning the public for days in advance of unstoppable inundation will save lives, prevent injuries, and preserve property otherwise destroyed by flooding ; and

WHEREAS, an official gaging station placed on Bayou Plaquemine Brule near Crowley coupled with data collected at the existing Mermentau River at Mermentau Gaging Station along with computer modeling and official updates of the bayou's hydraulics during severe weather will serve to forecast, forewarn and protect tens of thousands of Acadia Parish residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Church Point, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened support for the City of Crowley that all FEDERAL, STATE, AND PARISH officials are urged to work together quickly to take the necessary steps to immediately secure the installation of an official permanent and continuously reporting government operated gaging station along Bayou Plaquemine Brule at Interstate 10 or LA Hwy 13, as appropriate for best results, and provide for the development of all necessary hydrologic and hydraulic modelling required to monitor, forecast and adequately forewarn the public at frequent intervals daily of the onset of minor, moderate, and major flood stage events; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this request be submitted to the following officials and agencies and any other official or agency deemed appropriate:

Honorable John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana
Honorable U.S. Senator David Vitter
Honorable U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy
Honorable U.S. Congressman Dr. Charles Boustany, Jr.
Honorable State Senator Dan "Blade" Morrish
Honorable State Representative Jack Montoucet
Honorable State Senator Jonathan Perry
Honorable State Representative Phillip DeVillier
Honorable State Senator Eric LaFleur
Honorable Mayor Charles E. "Chuck" Robichaux & Rayne Council Members
Honorable Mayor Russell Stelly & Church Point Council Members
Honorable Mayor Darlene Thibodeaux & Morse Council Members
Honorable Mayor Darla Istre & Mermentau Council Members
Honorable Mayor Anthony Borill & Estherwood Council Members
Honorable Mayor Julia "Mariette" Granger & Iota Council Members
Honorable Acadia Parish Police Jury President David Savoy
Honorable Acadia Parish Police Juror Danny Hebert
Honorable Acadia Parish Police Juror Chuck Broussard
Honorable Acadia Parish Police Juror Ronnie Fabacher
Honorable Acadia Parish Police Juror Kerry Kilgore
Honorable Acadia Parish Police Juror Jimmy Pellerin
Honorable Acadia Parish Police Juror Robert Guidry
Honorable Acadia Parish Police Juror Richard Faul
Honorable Sixth Ward and Crowley Drainage District President Bud Baronet
Honorable Bayou Plaquemine & Wikoff Drainage District President Donald Higginbotham
Honorable First Ward Drainage District President Sanders Senegal
Honorable Second Ward Drainage District Number Two President Gerald Leonards, Jr.
Honorable Second Ward Drainage District Number One President
Honorable DOTD Secretary Shawn Wilson
Honorable William J. Oliver, DOTD District Engineer Administrator
Honorable Colonel Michael N. Clancy, New Orleans District Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Honorable W. Scott Gain, Director, USGS Louisiana Water Science Center, Water Science Center
Honorable James Waskom, Director, GOHSEP,
Honorable Tony Robinson, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region VI

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 7th day of November 2016, in Church Point, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

ADOPTED: _____ November 7th 2016

RUSSELL STELLY, MAYOR

M. TODD RICHARD, MUNICIPAL CLERK

RUSSELL STELLY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

M. TODD RICHARD, MUNICIPAL CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Councilmember Comeaux, seconded by Councilmember Malbrough and duly resolved and adopted on this 7th Day, November 2016.

RESOLUTION 110716-A

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CHURCH POINT, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, REQUESTING FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO SECURE THE INSTALLATION OF A PERMANENT CONTINUOUSLY REPORTING BAYOU STAGE GAGING STATION ON BAYOU PLAQUEMINE BRULE BRIDGE ON LA HIGHWAY 35 BRIDGE IN CHURCH POINT AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL NECESSARY HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC MODELLING REQUIRED TO FORECAST AND REPORT STAGES AT FREQUENT INTERVALS ON A DAILY BASIS

WHEREAS, Bayou Plaquemine Brule and Bayou W ikoff Watersheds are major drainage areas that drain a significant portion of Acadia Parish and St, Landry Parish, these watersheds encompasses Church Point, Rayne, Branch, Richard, Crowley and areas in between and around these municipalities and unincorporated communities; and

WHEREAS, the apparent increasing frequency of heavy rainfall events within these primary and secondary watersheds has led to severe and recurring flooding of property along and at great distances from the bayous over the past several years; and

WHEREAS, such severe flooding has resulted in the incalculable loss of buildings and property, great financial hardship for thousands of inhabitants, and untold human suffering; and

WHEREAS, climatologists and meteorologists advise that we should expect a continuation of increasingly more frequent intense rainfall events that lead to such flooding and human disasters; and

WHEREAS, the technology exists to monitor such conditions, predict their effects, and forewarn inhabitants and property owners of the onset of flooding many days in advance of such disasters; and

WHEREAS, monitoring, predicting and forewarning the public for days in advance of unstoppable inundation will save lives, prevent injuries, and preserve property otherwise destroyed by flooding ; and

WHEREAS, an official gaging station placed on Bayou Plaquemine Brule Bridge in Church Point on LA State Highway 35 along with data collected at the existing Mermentau River at Mermentau Gaging Station with the requested gaging site request in Crowley, along with computer modeling and official updates of the bayou's hydraulics during severe weather will serve to forecast, forewarn and protect tens of thousands of Acadia Parish residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Church Point, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened that all FEDERAL, STATE, AND PARISH officials are urged to work together quickly to take the necessary steps to immediately secure the installation of an official permanent and continuously reporting government operated gaging station along Bayou Plaquemine Brule at LA State Highway 35 Bridge in Church Point, as appropriate for best results, and provide for the development of all necessary hydrologic and hydraulic modelling required to monitor, forecast and adequately forewarn the public at frequent intervals daily of the onset of minor, moderate, and major flood stage events; as well as to enhance the requested gaging site for Crowley;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this request be submitted to the following officials and agencies and any other official or agency deemed appropriate:

Honorable John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana
Honorable U.S. Senator David Vitter
Honorable U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy
Honorable U.S. Congressman Dr. Charles Boustany, Jr.
Honorable State Senator Dan "Blade" Morrish
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Honorable W. Scott Gain, Director, USGS Louisiana Water Science Center, Water Science Center
Honorable James Waskom, Director, GOHSEP,
Honorable Tony Robinson, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region VI

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 7th day of November 2016, in Church Point, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

ADOPTED: November 7th 2016

RUSSELL STELLY, MAYOR

M. TODD RICHARD, MUNICIPAL CLERK

CERTIFICATE

I, M. Todd Richard, Municipal Clerk of the Town of Church Point, Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Town of Church Point, Louisiana in regular session on November 7th, 2016.

BY: _____

Municipal Clerk

M. Todd Richard,

f. Noise Ordinance: Discussion

No Action

g. Liquor License exemption for 2nd annual Church Point Cultural Musical & Historical Series to be held on November 25th at the Church Point Civic Center on Darbonne Street.

It was moved by Councilmember Malbrough, seconded by Councilmember Daigle to grant a liquor license exemption for the 2nd annual Church Point Cultural Musical & Historical Series event to be held on Nov. 25th at the Church Point Civic Center on Darbonne Street.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Comeaux, Wimberley, Duplechain, Malbrough, Daigle

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion carried and passed.

H. Social Media Policy: Discussion

No Action

Announcements:

Public Comments:

Mr. Harold Fonti spoke on the Vieux Presbytere

Adjourn

It was moved by Councilmember Daigle, seconded by Councilmember Malbrough to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried and passed unanimously