

**MUNICIPAL MINUTES, TOWN OF CHURCH POINT, STATE OF
LOUISIANA, REGULAR MEETING JULY 10, 2017**

ATTENDANCE

MAYOR: Russell Stelly

CHIEF OF POLICE: ~~Albert Venable,~~ Det. Don Alleman, in attendance.

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

ABSENT: Albert Venable

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

COMMENCEMENT

Call to order.

Mayor Stelly called the Regular Meeting to order.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Recognition of Special Guest:

State Representative Phillip DeVillier

Consider Approval of Revised Agenda:

Move Agenda Item No.1 (Engineering Report) to Item No. 2(d) requested by Mayor Stelly on behalf of Mader Engineering.

It was moved by Councilmember Malbrough, seconded by Councilmember Duplechin, to move agenda Item No.1 (Engineering Report) to Item No. 2(d)

Public Comment offered;

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Comeaux, Duplechin, Wimberley, Daigle, Malbrough.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved 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 as presented.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Comeaux, Duplechin, Wimberley, Daigle, Malbrough.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved unanimously.

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Engineering Report: Mader Engineering.

Moved to Item 2(d)

2. Municipal Department Reports:

a. Warrant Officer Dale Thibodeaux Monthly Report

Statistics for the Warrant/ Narcotics Division for the Month of June 2017 as follows:

15- Bench Warrants resolved by arrest or payment of warrant.

\$ 5,564.50 in currency collected for recovered bench warrants. 2- Bench Warrants recalled. 2- Credit for Time Served. 15- Traffic Citations issued. 19 Drug Cases.

Several search warrants executed in the areas of N. Kelly St. of a Meth and Synthetic Marijuana Dealer. Search warrants on Rogers St. where 2 arrest were made for narcotics distribution of suspects selling to juveniles and having an infirmed lady living in cruel conditions. Search warrant on Arthur Daigle loop following overdose.

b. Sewer Dept.: Repair Estimates on Main Sewer Trunk Line to Plant Repair Estimate on Main Sewer Trunk Line near OMP

Mayor Stelly presented the Council and Public with an estimate for a repair to an 18” sewer main trunk line near the sewer plant. Three quarters of the towns sewer passes at this point of needed repair. The cost estimate is \$ 29,000.00

Mayor Stelly presented the Council and Public with an estimate for a repair of the force main crossing East Plaquemine which goes behind OMP. The repair is in need and the amount subject to change due to permitting. The estimate now is at \$ 25,000.00

No action on Item (b)

**c. Police Department Building Air Condition/Ventilation Estimate
Police Department Building Flood Prevention Estimate**

Mayor Stelly presented the Council and Public with an estimate for the Air Condition and Ventilation System for the Police station by EL Habetz builders. They have a mechanical engineer checking the original plans of the system and will check the site again to confirm repairs and renovations. The current estimate is \$ 58,800.00.

Mayor Stelly presented the Council and Public with an estimate for flood proofing the police station. The Police Station is a critical structure is located in a flood zone. In August of 2016 the building flooded and was evacuated. We are trying prevent future flood damages to this critical facility and insure continued grant applications going forward by taking flood preventive measures required by the Nat. Flood Insurance Program. The estimate to meet FEMA and building code standards for this flood protection is \$ 88,000.

No action on Item (c)

d. Engineering Report: Mader Engineering

Mr. Mader asked for Council approval of Partial Payment Request No. 10 for the Release of Retainage to Construction Pro. Inc. for the LCDBG FY 2014-15 Project (Rehabilitation of the Gravity Sewerage System) in the amount of \$42,369.45, contingent upon receipt of Clear Lien Certificate.

It was moved by Councilmember Wimberley, seconded by Councilmember Malbrough to approve partial payment No. 10 for the Release of Retainage to Construction Pro. Inc. for the LCDBG FY 2014-15 Project (Rehabilitation of the Gravity Sewerage System) in the amount of \$ 42,369.45 contingent upon receipt of Clear Lien Certificate.

Public Comment offered;

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Comeaux, Duplechin, Wimberley, Daigle, Malbrough.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT:

Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Mader presented the Mayor & Council with 7 options for the replacement of the Guidry Street Bridge for review until the next meeting.

3. Legal

Resolutions:

a. *None*

Reports, Request & Introductions of Ordinances

a. *Building Codes Inspection Report –Rodney Richard.*

Mr. Richard gave a report on last month's filings. Answered questions from the council on matters from the meeting. Announced he would get with Mr. Andrus the town's attorney for those reports and with the Permit Officer for new letters to be sent out for inspections.

No Action

b. *Bid Opening for Surplus Property (Case Backhoe) for approval and Acceptance*

Crystal Durham was high bidder for the Case 580k Backhoe in the amount of \$ 3,777.00

It was moved by Councilmember Comeaux, seconded by Councilmember Daigle to accept the bid by Crystal Durham for a Case 580k Backhoe declared surplus property in the amount of \$3,770.00

Public Comment offered;

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Comeaux, Duplechin, Wimberley, Daigle, Malbrough.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: *Motion approved unanimously.*

Closing:

Comments from the Chief of Police, Staff and Councilmen:

The Mayor, & Councilmembers thanked the public for attendance.

Mr. Harold Fonte spoke on painting of the museum. Mr. Lee Ward Bellard spoke on Fire rating report (PIAL). He reported we maintained a (5) rating and is working to have that rating reduced. Martin Logan spoke inviting the public to attend the Family Fun Day Back to School Bash on August 6th.

The Mayor informed the public the next schedule council meeting will be held Monday August 7th.

Adjournment

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

Motion approved.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Comeaux, Duplechin, Wimberley, Daigle, Malbrough.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT:
Motion approved unanimously.

RUSSELL STELLY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

M. TODD RICHARD, MUNICIPAL CLERK