

**MUNICIPAL MINUTES, TOWN OF CHURCH POINT, STATE OF
LOUISIANA, REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 9, 2017**

ATTENDANCE

MAYOR: Russell Stelly

CHIEF OF POLICE: Albert Venable

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 Meeting to order.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

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 provided.

The vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved unanimously.

Old Business

1. Report on E. Briscoe Street

a. Report of speeding violations by W. Officer Thibodeaux & Chief Venable

Chief Venable informed the Council and Public that increased patrolling at various times would continue in the area of Briscoe Street. Warrant Officer Thibodeaux informed the Council and Public he would continue patrolling at different times as well.

New Business

1. Engineering Report – Copies distributed

2. Municipal Department Reports:

a. Warrant Officer Dale Thibodeaux Month & Year ending report. Noise Ord.

Meter training update

Statistics for the Warrant/ Narcotics Division for the Month of December 2016 were as follows:

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

\$ 4, 614.00 collected for recovered bench warrants. 2- Bench Warrants recalled.

8- Traffic Citations issued, 18- Drug Cases completed. Worked in cracking a major liquor shoplifting ring targeting our grocery stores. 2 arrest made 4 being sought. Conducted training of the Decimal Meter device for use of enforcement of the Noise Ordinance as per Request of Chief Venable.

Year End Report:

273- Bench Warrants

\$61,330 in cash collected for recovered bench warrants

105- Traffic Citations issued

80- Drug Arrest

Worked several crime investigations through the year leading to several arrest not indicated here. Assisting Church Point Police Dept. throughout the year on calls while working.

b. Police Matters- Report by Mayor Stelly

Mayor Stelly wishing to discuss the recent conduct of certain police officers, stating the advisement of legal counsel these matters must take place in executive session, Mayor Stelly requested to convene into executive session.

It was moved by Councilmember Wimberley, seconded by Councilmember Daigle to convene into executive session for the purpose of discussion of conduct of particular police officers.

It was moved by Councilmember Duplechin, seconded by Councilmember Daigle to reconvene into regular session.

3. Appointments

a. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem

It was moved by Councilmember Malbrough, second by Councilmember Wimberley to nominate and accept Councilmember Joy Daigle as Mayor Pro Tem

The vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

4. Legal

Introduction of Ordinances:

Introduction of an Ordinance to change the 15 mph speed limit sign on Leonie St. to 25 mph. Upon a Public Hearing taking Place and an Affirmative Majority Vote of the Council, This Ordinance will become effective immediately after passage.

The vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved..

Mayor Stelly called for a Public Hearing to be held on February 6, 2016 at 6:25 concerning the speed limit change on Leonie Street.

Reports & Request:

a. Report on Nuisance Ordinance by Brad Andrus, Town Counsel

Introduction of an Ordinance Defining and Regulating Public Nuisance's within the Corporate Limits of the Town of Church Point and Repealing Section 11.34-11.42 of the Town of Church Point's Code of Ordinance's.

The vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

Mayor Stelly called for a Public Hearing to be held on February 6, 2017 at 6:15 concerning the Defining and Regulation of the Public Nuisance's Ordinance.

b. Liquor License exemption for the Annual Courir de Mardi Gras organized by the Saddle Tramp Riders Club February 25-26th receive and distribute dates.

It was moved by Councilmember Comeaux, seconded by Councilmember Malbrough to approve the Liquor License exemption for the Annual Courir de Mardi Gras for February 25-26th.

Discussion:

Chief Venable, and his officers, in the public body, voiced their concerns about crowd control on Main Street during Mardi Gras for the Sunday Parade, the discussion ended on the subject of Enforcement/Suspension of the Open Container Law for that day. At the meetings end, Mayor Stelly announced an Open Forum would be held on February 6th, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, pertaining to the enforcement/suspension of the Open Container Law for Mardi Gras Sunday.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Comeaux, Wimberley, Duplechin, Malbrough.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Daigle

Motion approved.

c. Liquor License exemption for CP Community Development on Feb. 11, 2017 at the Church Point Community Center.

It was moved by Councilmember Daigle, seconded by Councilmember Comeaux, to approve the Liquor License exemption for the CPCD Mardi Gras Ball to be held Feb. 11th 2017 at the Church Point Community Center.

The vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

d. Presentation and approval of by-laws for Le Vieux Presbytere

It was moved by Councilmember Duplechin, seconded by Councilmember Wimberley to accept the by-laws of the Le Vieux Presbytere for approval as presented by Mr. Harold Fonti.

The vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved

e. Presentation and return of check issued to CPHA, dated July 10, 2015.

Mr. Gene I. Daigle, Church Point Housing Board of Director Chairman, presented back to the Council the check issued to the Church Point Housing Authority Dated, July 10, 2015 which he stated was never endorsed. The check was never endorsed and was recently found among other papers as he reported.

Closing:

Comments from the Chief of Police, Staff and Councilmen:

The Chief & Councilmembers thanked the public.

Adjournment

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

Motion approved.

RUSSELL STELLY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

M. TODD RICHARD, MUNICIPAL CLERK