

**MUNICIPAL MINUTES, TOWN OF CHURCH POINT, STATE OF
LOUISIANA, REGULAR MEETING MARCH 6, 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 Comeaux.

Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

It was moved by Councilmember Comeaux, seconded by Councilmember Daigle 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

None

New Business

1. Engineering Report:

a. Mader Engineering. A request for approval for partial payment Estimate No. 8 to Construction Pro. Inc. in the amount of \$ 53,981.21 for “Rehabilitation of the Sewer Collection System”

It was moved by Councilmember Duplechin, seconded by Councilmember Wimberley to approved partial payment estimate No.8 to Construction Pro. In the amount of \$ 53, 981.21 for “Rehabilitation of the Sewer Collection System.”

Public Comment offered;

The vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

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:

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

\$ 7,532.50 collected for recovered bench warrants. 2- Bench Warrants recalled.

12- Traffic Citations issued, 21- Drug Cases completed. Several search warrants executed from areas of complaints, one on Moss St., of which resulted in 3 arrest, marijuana plants, synthetic marijuana and 600 dollars in cash.

A search warrant was executed on N. Wilson St. where illegal drug sales were being conducted. 2 arrested were made and others pending with drugs, cash and a weapon seized.

The Narcotics Div. assisted the patrol division at a traffic stop on Arthur Daigle Loop resulting in seizure of 4 pounds of Crystal Methamphetamine, 3 doses of ecstasy and \$11,000 dollars. One person was apprehended another fled the scene. Parish, State and Federal agencies are assisting in the investigation and search.

b. Request for acceptance of part time officer, Alexis Fredricks, by Chief Venable.

It was moved by Councilmember Duplechin, seconded by Councilmember Malbrough, to hire as part time officer, Alexis Fredricks, pending passing evaluations and testing.

Public Comment offered;

The vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

3. Legal

Introduction of Ordinances:

Resolutions, Reports & Request:

a. Adopt Resolution for Safe Routes to Public Places & Authorize Mader Eng. to submit application.

It was moved by Councilmember Comeaux, seconded by Councilmember Daigle, to Adopt the Resolution for Safe Routes to Public Places & Authorize Mader Eng., to submit the application with emphasis for the grant to focus on the Guidry Street Bridge location.

The following resolution was offered by Councilmember Comeaux, seconded by Councilmember Daigle and duly resolved and adopted on March 6, 2017.

RESOLUTION

Resolution of Support of the Town of Church Point approving the application for grant funds from the La DOTD 2017 Safe Routes to Public Places Program:

WHEREAS, the US Federal Government provides funds to the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation for the Safe Routes to Public Places Program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Safe Routes to Public Places Program is to implement the Louisiana Strategic Highway Safety Plan's mission to achieve a significant reduction in fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Church Point does hereby:

1. Approve and support the filing of an application for the 2017 Safe Routes to Public Places Program; and
2. Appoint the Mayor as agent of the Town of Church Point to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to application, letter of commitment agreement, amendments, payment requests and completion report, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.
3. Authorize Mader Engineering, Inc. to prepare and submit the application for funding.

ADOPTED: March 6, 2017

 RUSSELL STELLY, MAYOR

 TODD RICHARD, TOWN CLERK

CERTIFICATE

I, TODD RICHARD, Clerk of the Town of Church Point, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of Church Point in regular session duly convened on March 6, 2017.

BY: _____
 M. TODD RICHARD, TOWN CLERK
 TOWN OF CHURCH POINT

Public Comment offered;

The vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Resolution approved.

b. Liquor License exemption for OMP Spring Extravaganza to be held April 22, 2017 at the Church Point Community Center.

It was moved by Councilmember Wimberley, seconded by Councilmember Daigle, to approve the Liquor License exemption for OMP Spring Extravaganza to be held April 22, 2017 at the Church Point Community Center.

Public Comment offered;

The vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

c. Liquor License exemption for the Annual Woodstock event for St. Jude April 29 and 30, 2017 at the Church Point Park Pavilion.

It was moved by Councilmember Daigle, seconded by Councilmember Malbrough to approve the Liquor License exemption for the Annual Woodstock event for St. Jude April 29 & 30th at the Church Point Park Pavilion.

Public Comment offered;

The vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

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