

**MUNICIPAL MINUTES, TOWN OF CHURCH POINT, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 1, 2005.**

ATTENDANCE

MAYOR: Roger Boudreaux

CHIEF OF POLICE: Albert Venable, Sr.

ALDERMEN: Errol Comeaux – (Ward 5), Theresa Cary (Ward 4), Gary Duplechin (Ward 3), Alexis Jagneaux (Ward 2), Melchisadeck Green (Ward 1),

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Amber Higginbotham (Municipal Clerk), John Larson (Water Works Director), Lee Wimberley, Jr. (Legal Counsel)

COMMENCEMENT

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(94) AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: **Call to order.**

Mayor Boudreaux called the Regular Council Meeting of August 1, 2005 to order.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(95) AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.**

The Mayor opened the meeting with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(103) AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: **Consider the approval of a revised agenda, if needed.**

It was moved by Jagneaux, seconded by Green to amend the agenda to consider a resolution supporting the U.S. Supreme Court nominee John Roberts item to be 6b.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

It was moved by Green, seconded by Comeaux to amend the agenda to consider a three way stop sign at the corner of Meche and Wilson streets item to be 9c.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by Cary to amend the agenda to consider an exemption for the Volunteer Fire Department from having to purchase a license to sell beer at their annual benefit, item to be 8d.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(139) AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: **Reading and approval of the minutes for the July 11, 2005, Public Hearing and the July 11, 2005, Regular Meeting.**

It was moved by Jagneaux, seconded by Duplechin to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as written.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was unanimously adopted.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(135) AGENDA ITEM NO. 6a: **Consider calling $\frac{3}{4}$ % Sales Tax Referendum.**

It was moved by Cary, seconded by Comeaux to table with the consideration of calling a sales tax election.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: Duplechin

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was adopted.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(65) AGENDA ITEM NO. 6b. **Consider a resolution supporting the U.S. Supreme Court nominee John Roberts.**

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by Duplechin to adopt the resolution.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Resolution unanimously adopted.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(93) AGENDA ITEM NO. 7. a. Consider adopting a Municipal Clerk Job Description.

Upon a recommendation by Charles Labbe, it was moved by Cary, seconded by Comeaux to adopt the Municipal Clerk Job Description as prepared by Labbe.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(181) AGENDA ITEM NO. 7b. Consider adopting amendment to ordinance setting pay rate of the Municipal Clerk.

It was moved by Duplechin, seconded by Green to appoint Charles A. Labbe Municipal Clerk and set the pay rate at \$10 per hour.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(182) AGENDA ITEM NO. 8a. Consider an exemption for a Benefit to defray expenses resulting from the illness and death of Robert Matte from purchasing a beer license for this benefit to be held in September 25, 2005 at the City Park Pavilion.

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by Duplechin to approve the exemption.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(184) AGENDA ITEM NO. 8b. Consider request for the use of the Council Chamber for the August 4th Team City Meeting.

No action required.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(193) AGENDA ITEM NO. 8c. Discussion of possible use of the Garan Facility as a Juvenile Correction Center.

No action taken.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(257) AGENDA ITEM NO. 8d. **Consider an exemption for the Volunteer Firemen Benefit to be held in October, 2005 at the City Park Pavilion.**

It was moved by Duplechin, seconded by Jagneaux to approve the exemption.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(317) AGENDA ITEM NO. 9a. **Discussion of Salvage Yards, inoperable vehicles, and abandoned houses.**

No action taken.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(327) AGENDA ITEM NO. 9b. **Consider adopting an ordinance to abandon Daigle Street from the railroad right a way to Church Street.**

It was moved by Duplechin, seconded by Comeaux to adopt an ordinance abandoning Daigle Street from the railroad right a way to Church Street.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

(TAPE 2)(SIDE A)(060) AGENDA ITEM NO. 10a. **Consider amending the budget for the purchase of pick up truck for Water Dept. for \$15,000.**

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by Jagneaux to amend the budget accordingly and authorize the Mayor to purchase a pick up truck for Water Dept. for \$15,000.

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

(TAPE 2)(SIDE A)(088) AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 b. **Consider disposition of surplus Police, Water, and Sewer Department vehicles.**

It was moved by Duplechin, seconded by Comeaux to authorize the Mayor to dispose of the following surplus vehicles Police Unit 4, Street Dept. Unit 8, and Water Dept. Unit 7.

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

(TAPE 2)(SIDE A)(103) AGENDA ITEM NO. 10c. **Consider amending the budget to accommodate the repairs made to the 1981 International truck assigned to the Water Department.**

It was moved by Duplechin, seconded by Jagneaux to amend the budget to accommodate the \$5293.36 of repairs made to the 1981 International truck assigned to the Water Department.

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

(TAPE 2)(SIDE A)(112) AGENDA ITEM NO.10d. **Consider amending the Fire Department budget.**

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by Duplechin to amend the budget to reflect a \$25,000 total Fire Department allocation.

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

(TAPE 2)(SIDE A)(120) AGENDA ITEM NO. 10e. **Consider introducing an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of One Million One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,195,000) of Utilities Revenue Refunding Bonds and calling a Public Hearing as prescribed.**

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by Jagneaux that the following entitled ordinance be introduced for consideration of adoption by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Church Point, State of Louisiana after a Public Hearing is held on August 16, 2005 at six (6:00) o'clock p.m., said ordinance being entitled as follows:

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of One Million One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,195,000) of Utilities Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2005 (the "Bonds"), of the Town of Church Point, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, fixing the details and providing for the rights of the owners thereof; providing for the payment of the Bonds in principal and accrued interest; awarding the sale of the Bonds to the purchaser thereof; making application to the Louisiana State Bond Commission for their approval of the sale and issuance of the Bonds; designating the paying agent for the Bonds; providing for the employment of bond counsel and local counsel in connection with the sale and issuance of the Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

(TAPE 2)(SIDE A)(152) AGENDA ITEM NO.11. **Comments from Chief of Police, Staff and Councilman.**

(TAPE 2)(SIDE A)(155) AGENDA ITEM NO. 12. **Comments from the public.**

(TAPE 2)(SIDE A)(160) AGENDA ITEM NO. 13. **Adjournment.**

There being no further business, it was moved by Jagneaux, seconded by Duplechin to adjourn the meeting.

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

ROGER BOUDREAUX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHARLES A. LABBE, MUNICIPAL CLERK