

**MUNICIPAL MINUTES, TOWN OF CHURCH POINT, STATE OF LOUISIANA,  
REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 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**

**Call to order.**

Mayor Boudreaux called the Regular Council Meeting of September 12, 2005 to order.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.**

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

**Consider the approval of a revised agenda, if needed.**

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by Green to amend the agenda to discuss grass ordinance.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

*Motion unanimously adopted.*

**5. Reading and approval of the minutes for the August 1, 2005, and the August 16, 2005, Special 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 unanimously adopted.*

**Consider Lease/Purchase of Garan Building with Dynamic Industries—FEMA.**

The Mayor announced this issue was on hold.

**Dr. Almada and Evelyn Fillipinas to address the council regarding Acadia Health Care Services.**

Peter Savoy, administrator of the Acadia – St. Landry Hospital, introduced Dr. Almada and Evelyn Fillipinas and announced that the Acadia Health Care Services clinic located at the hospital was now open for business.

**Review report comparing Church Point Municipal Employee Salaries & Benefits with those offered by similar Louisiana Municipalities.**

Charles Labbe, Municipal Clerk presented a ten-page report comparing Church Point Municipal Employee Salaries & Benefits with those offered by similar Louisiana Municipalities. He summarized the report indicating that the source for the data used in this report is the Official Louisiana Municipal Association Salaries & Benefits Survey found at the LMA web site through the link to the Waters Consulting Group, Inc. All information presented here is exclusively from the Official LMA Survey. The information presented for comparisons on salaries and benefits is from 33 municipalities with populations ranging between 2000 and 5000. Please note that Church Point has the largest population of the 33 municipalities in this group. Please further note that the salaries and benefits offered to Church Point Municipal Employees is with most items proven to be less than the salaries and benefits offered by the other smaller municipalities in this group.

**Consider Group Insurance Options.**

It was Moved by Duplechin, seconded by Jagneaux to accept the new policy proposed by Blue Cross.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux

NAYS: Comeaux, Cary

ABSTAIN: Green

*Mayor Boudreaux, breaking the tie, voted Yea, motion adopted.*

**Consider an exemption for the OLSH Church Autumn Benefit from purchasing a beer license for this benefit to be held in October.**

It was moved by Green, seconded by Comeaux to exempt OLSH from the purchase of a alcohol license with the Town of Church Point.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

*Motion unanimously adopted.*

**Discussion of vehicles obstructing sidewalks.**

Mel Green raised the issue of parked vehicles obstructing sidewalks and requested that signs be installed and that the police department to enforce the law.

**Consider introducing amendments to Water & Sewer Rates & Charges Ordinance.**

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by Duplechin to introduce housekeeping amendments to Section 27-68 and 27-69 bringing various rates and fees in line with current policies,

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

*Motion unanimously adopted.*

**Consider resolution regarding Rural Development Grant.**

The following resolution was offered by Duplechin, seconded by Comeaux and duly resolved:

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA  
UNDER THE  
FY '05-'06 RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Governor has announced that applications are being accepted for the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Rural Development Grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, the State offers grants for a wide range of projects to improve public health, public safety and for economic development purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is eligible for a grant up to \$25,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed necessary and proper for the Town to submit an application to the Office of the Governor for Rural Development Grant funds.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Alderman of the Town of Church Point that the Honorable Roger Boudreaux, Mayor, is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application to the State of Louisiana, Office of the Governor under the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Rural Development Grant program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of Alderman of the Town of Church Point that the Town of Church Point commits to funding ten per cent (10%) of the cost of construction in order to achieve extra points towards a successful grant award.

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

*Resolution unanimously adopted.*

**Consider resolution regarding LCDBG Water Well Project**

The following resolution was offered by Duplechin, seconded by Comeaux and duly resolved:

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE AUTHORITY  
TO THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND  
SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS,  
APPOINT AN ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTANT AND ENGINEER  
FOR THE FY 2006-2007 LOUISIANA  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Church Point deems it necessary and proper to submit an application for funding under the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant for a new groundwater supply well; and

**WHEREAS**, professional engineering services are necessary in connection with the preparation of the application and the engineering design and inspection, should the project be funded; and

**WHEREAS**, professional grants consulting and administrative consulting services are necessary to assist in the preparation of the application and the partial administration of the grant, should the project be funded; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with OMB Circular A-102, the proper advertisement for Qualification Statements and Proposals for these services occurred; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the base rating factors and points, up to three bonus points will be assigned to those applicants which commit other funds to pay the cost of the application preparation and should the project be funded, all of the associated administrative costs; to pay the engineering fees associated with the implementation of this project should the project be funded, and to pay ten percent of the project's construction costs, should the project be funded; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Church Point that the Honorable Roger Boudreaux, Mayor, is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application for funding and all the necessary documents in connection with the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that after reviewing the qualifications and qualification statements submitted, the Honorable Roger Boudreaux, Mayor, is hereby authorized to negotiate and sign a contract with Mader Engineering, Inc. to assist with the application preparation and if funded, provide the professional engineering services required.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that after reviewing the proposals and qualification statements submitted, that the Honorable Roger Boudreaux, Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a contract with Minvielle and Associates, Inc. to prepare the application for funding and should the project be funded provide the administrative services required.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town hereby commits to pay ten percent of the project construction costs should the project be funded to receive a bonus point.

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

*Resolution unanimously adopted.*

### **FY 2006 Budget proposed by council members**

Some FY 2006 Budget suggestions proposed by some council members were discussed.

### **FY 2006 Budget proposed by Mayor**

Discussion relative to the FY 2006 Budget proposed by the Mayor versus some Budget suggestions proposed by some council members.

**Consider Amending FY 2005 Budget**

Discussion Relative to FY 2005 Budget Amendments No Action Taken.

**FY2007 State Capital Outlay Program Application**

It was moved by Duplechin, seconded by Jagneaux to approve FY2007 State Capital Outlay Program Application.

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

*Motion unanimously adopted.*

**Comments from Chief of Police, Staff and Councilman.**

**Comments from the public.**

**Adjournment.**

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

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

*Motion unanimously adopted.*

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ROGER BOUDREAUX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CHARLES A. LABBE, MUNICIPAL CLERK