

**MUNICIPAL MINUTES, TOWN OF CHURCH POINT, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 7, 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: Charles Labbe (Municipal Clerk), John Larson (Water Works Director), Lee Wimberley, Jr. (Legal Counsel)

COMMENCEMENT

Call to order.

Mayor Boudreaux called the Regular Council Meeting of October 3, 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 Jagneaux to revise the agenda to include consideration of Ms. Cummings with Church Point Elementary, requesting Attorney General Opinion regarding the use of an adoption resolution as the instrument for adopting the Town's budget, Garan facility, discussions regarding Police Department, declaration of surplus property, employment of Dwayne Hollier at the police department, dues for Acadiana Regional Development District, \$300 Rural Development Application fee, and a resolution to open a checking account to deposit sinking fund reserves required by 2005 series utility bonds.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Reading and approval of the minutes for the October 3, 2005, Regular Meeting and the October 14, 2005, Special Meeting.

It was moved by Jagneaux, seconded by Green to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them with a correction to the minutes of the October 3rd Regular Meeting striking the motion to call a Budget Workshop and add to reflect a motion to adopt the budget which failed.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Ms. Kim Cummings with Church Point Elementary

It was discussed and agreed that signs be installed indicating a no parking restriction between 7:30 - 8:30 am and between 2:30 - 3:30 pm along the approach to the elementary school student drop-off and pick-up area.

Consider requesting Attorney General Opinion regarding the use of an adoption resolution as the instrument for adopting the Town's budget

It was moved by Cary, seconded by Jagneaux to request an Attorney General Opinion regarding the use of an adoption resolution as the instrument for adopting the Town's budget.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Christmas Parade December 18, 2005

It was agreed that the Christmas Parade be scheduled at 4:00 pm on December 18, 2005 and that this years theme will be "Teddy Bear Christmas".

Circus December 6, 2005

It was moved by Duplechin, seconded by Cary to allow a circus performance at the Garan property on December 6, 2005.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Garan facility

It was moved by Cary, seconded by Duplechin to authorize the Mayor to consummate negotiations with a potential tenant for the Garan facility at no less than \$5,000.00 per month for a minimum term of two years.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

District 5 drainage canal

It was agreed that Representative Mickey Guillory would be contacted relating to restrictions to the drainage of the canal which exist as the water traverses beneath La. Hwy 35.

Consider Adoption of Ordinance relative to Stop Signs at Wilson & Meche and Homer & Corporation Streets

It was moved by Green and seconded by Comeaux to adopt the following proposed ordinance amending Section 16 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Church Point, dealing with Article 11 Operating of Vehicle Generally Section: 16:21:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Church Point, Louisiana, Section 16-21 is hereby amended to include the following:

Effective immediately Wilson Street designated as a through street shall become a 3-way stop at its intersection with Meche Street. All vehicles must come to a complete stop at its intersection and yield right of way to the first vehicle entering the intersection.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Duplechin and seconded by Cary to adopt the following proposed ordinance amending Section 16 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Church Point, dealing with Article 11 Operating of Vehicle Generally Section: 16:21:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Church Point, Louisiana, Section 16-21 is hereby amended to include the following:

Effective immediately the stop sign halting through traffic on North Corporation at Homer Street be removed and that North Corporation shall be designated a through street at the Homer Street intersection.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Discussions regarding Police Department

The Mayor pointed out that the auditors would arrive on November 15 to initiate the annual audit of the Town and that the Police Department would be required to have an itemized inventory of all two-way radios including base, mobile and hand held radios with their respective serial numbers; all shot guns along with serial numbers; all items contained in the evidence locker including make, model, and serial numbers.

The Mayor requested that the Chief insure the officers properly complete the daily timesheets.

The Mayor expressed concerns that officers had on several occasions called for the detective on scene and received no response.

The Mayor requested a report on the status of Officer Cynthia Duplechin who has been released by worker compensation as of November 3rd, 2005.

The Mayor also expressed concerns about citizen complaints coming from East Briscoe Street regarding contacting the Police Department to report vehicles speeding and not stopping while school bus was unloading children and receiving no response from the police department.

Declaration of surplus property

It was moved by Duplechin, seconded by Comeaux to declare the following items as surplus property and to authorize the Mayor to take the appropriate action advertising for bids in order to dispose of said properties:

Police Unit 1
Police Unit 2
K-9 Unit
Dog

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Consider the employment of Dwayne Hollier with the police department

Upon the recommendation of Chief Albert Venable, Jr. it was moved by Green, seconded by Comeaux to employ Dwayne Hollier with the Church Point Police Department at \$7.75 per hour with his employment being contingent upon satisfactory completion of the required psychological testing.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green
NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Lease/Purchase of Police Vehicles

It was moved by Cary, seconded by Green to authorize the Mayor consummate the lease/purchase of three new Chevrolet Impala police vehicles with three annual payments of \$17,732.75.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Rural Development Application fee \$300

It was moved by Duplechin, seconded by Green to authorize the payment of \$300.00 for a Rural Development Grant application fee.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Dues for Acadiana Regional Development District

It was moved by Duplechin, seconded by Comeaux to authorize the payment of the Acadiana Regional Development District dues at \$475.00.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted

Resolution to open a checking account to deposit reserves required by 2005 series utility bonds

It was moved by Duplechin, seconded by Comeaux to authorize the opening of a checking account for the deposit sinking fund reserves required by the 2005 Series Bonds.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted

Electronic Valve Actuator for Water Department

It was moved by Comeaux, seconded by Duplechin to authorize the purchase of an Electronic Valve Actuator at a Cost of \$1,700.00

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted

Comments from Chief of Police, Staff and Councilman.

It was moved by Duplechin, seconded by Cary to amend the agenda to include discussion of water and sewer lines down Happy Street.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted

It was moved by Duplechin, seconded by Comeaux to request quotes of cost to run water and sewer lines down Happy Street.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted

It was moved by Duplechin, seconded by Comeaux to ask Department Of Health & Hospitals if it is required to retain an engineer to run water and sewer lines down Happy Street.

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Duplechin, Jagneaux, Comeaux, Cary, Green

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion unanimously adopted

Comments from the public.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, it was moved by Jagneaux, seconded by Comeaux 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