

**MINUTES**  
**POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**March 12, 2019**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at the Courthouse Annex in the Parish Council Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

Chairman Boudreaux called the meeting to order and directed Council Clerk Gerrie Martin to call the roll:

PRESENT: Messrs. Jimmie Gaspard, Sidney LaCoste, Edwin Soulier, Charles Watkins, Kurt Jarreau, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 12 & 26, 2019 MEETING

Motion by Mr. Jarreau and seconded by Mr. Bazile:

RESOLVED, That the minutes of February 12, 2019 and February 26, 2019 meetings of the Parish Council be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mr. Watkins:

RESOLVED, That the agenda be amended for inclusion of the following:

- Proclamation declaring March as Women's History Month.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Gaspard, LaCoste, Soulier, Watkins, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 8-0-0, the motion carried.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE AND FORMER POLICE JUROR JOSEPH BERGERON, SR.

Motion by Mr. Jarreau and seconded by Mr. Bazile:

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his eternal reward Mr. Joseph Adam Bergeron, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council with great sorrow and deep sense of loss, take cognizance of the absence of Mr. Joseph Adam Bergeron, Sr., former member of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury of District 11; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joseph Adam Bergeron, Sr. has rendered innumerable public service to the Parish and the State of Louisiana, and to the people as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joseph Adam Bergeron, Sr. served as a member of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury for 16 years: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Pointe Coupee Parish Council does and hereby extends to the family of Mr. Joseph Adam Bergeron, Sr. this resolution of sympathy in the loss of their loved one.

Unanimously carried.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

Motion by Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mr. LaCoste:

**PROCLAMATION  
AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross has touched many lives in Pointe Coupee Parish, as well as across the country and around the world; and

WHEREAS, during American Red Cross Month, we thank those who contribute to the mission of the Red Cross, whether through time, money or blood, and we invite others to support the Red Cross in helping people in need down the street, across the country and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is synonymous with helping people, and has been doing so for more than 130 years. Throughout the past year, the American Red Cross launched hundreds of disaster relief operations in the United States to help people affected by fires, floods, hurricanes and tornadoes. The American Red Cross also supported major international disasters, including the Japan earthquake and tsunami response, while continuing its work on the 2010 Haiti earthquake response and recovery; and

WHEREAS, in Pointe Coupee Parish, the Red Cross works tirelessly through its employees and volunteers to support us when disaster strikes, when someone needs life-saving blood, or the comfort of a helping hand. It provides 24-hour support to members of the military, veterans and their families, and provides training in CPR, aquatics safety and first aid; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 100 years, United States presidents have called on the American people to support the Red Cross and its humanitarian mission. Our community depends on the American Red Cross and because it is not a government agency, the Red Cross depends on support from the public to continue its humanitarian work. This is especially important in these challenging economic times - which impact the Red Cross and many people in our community and across the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DUSTIN BOUDREAUX, Chairman of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Parish of Pointe Coupee and the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim the month of **March 2019**, as **AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH** and do hereby urge all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

Unanimously carried.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Motion by Mr. Soulier and seconded by Mr. Gaspard:

**PROCLAMATION  
FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

WHEREAS, the 51st Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans - individually and collectively - to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and

WHEREAS, this law guarantees for each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement and support of each of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the department and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DUSTIN BOUDREAUX, Chairman of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council do hereby proclaim the month of **April 2019**, as **FAIR HOUSING MONTH** in Pointe Coupee Parish and encourage all citizens of this parish to join in reaffirming the obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for all.

Unanimously carried.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Motion by Mr. Bergeron and seconded by Mr. Bazile:

**PROCLAMATION  
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;

WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home;

WHEREAS, American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation;

WHEREAS, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation;

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement;

WHEREAS, American women have served our country courageously in the military;

WHEREAS, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DUSTIN BOUDREAUX, Chairman of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council do hereby proclaim the month of **March 2019**, as **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH** in Pointe Coupee Parish and encourage all citizens of this parish to observe with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

Unanimously carried.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Major Thibaut gave a review of the monthly financial report for the month ending January 31, 2019. In closing, he reported on the annual savings of \$244,000 with the new solid waste contract, \$45,770 Mosquito Abatement, \$11,000 telephone service, \$40,000 engineering fees for drainage and \$10,000 - \$15,000 for West Law Books.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING--CONDEMNATION OF AN ABANDONED STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 4468 FISHERMAN ROAD, BATCHELOR OWNED BY LARRY MERTENS

A hearing to obtain public input to condemn and demolish an abandoned structure (house) located at 4468 Fisherman Road, Batchelor owned by Larry Mertens was conducted at 5:55 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

There were no objections received and the hearing was closed.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF CONDEMNATION OF AN ABANDONED STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 4468 FISHERMAN ROAD, BATCHELOR OWNED BY LARRY MERTENS

Councilman Gaspard reported he was not contacted by Larry Mertens and asked that the Council proceed with condemnation of said structure.

Secretary Martin confirmed that the notice about the public hearing was received by the owner on February 20, 2019 via certified mail.

Motion by Mr. Gaspard and seconded by Mr. Soulier:

RESOLVED, That upon the results of the public hearing and the recommendation of the Parish Building Official, that the Parish Council proceed with the Order of Condemnation for the abandoned structure (house) owned by Larry Mertens located at 4468 Fisherman Road, Batchelor be condemned and demolish; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Council hereby orders that the above abandoned structure owned by Larry Mertens be demolished or removed within 45 days.

Unanimously carried.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ORDAIN SECTIONS 19-16 THRU 19-21 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 19 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE RELATIVE TO THE INSTALLATION OF BRIDGES, CULVERTS, ETC. IN THE PARISH. (PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD APRIL 9, 2019)

Motion by Mr. Bergeron and seconded by Mr. Jarreau:

RESOLVED, That an introduction of an ordinance to amend and re-ordain Sections 19-16 thru 19-21 of Article II of Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Pointe Coupee relative to the installation of bridges, culverts, etc. in the parish be tabled until further review by a special committee; and be it

RESOLVED further, that Messrs. Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron, Nathan Cobb, Kurt Jarreau, Sidney LaCoste and Edwin Soulier be appointed to serve as members of the Oversight Committee to review and amend the above proposed ordinance.

Unanimously carried.

RECOMMENDATION(S) FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

APPROVE PLAT FOR THE SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY LOCATED OFF OF SOUTHEASTERN LAND DISTRICT WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER FOR TJ INVESTMENTS GROUP, LLC

Motion by Mr. Bergeron and seconded by Mr. Watkins:

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendations of the Planning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, a plat showing the subdivision of Lot B-C into Lots B-C1 and B-C-2 (formerly being a portion of the June Guillot Tract) located off of Southeastern Land District west of the Mississippi River in Sections 23 & 24, T5S & R10E for TJ Investments Group, LLC be approved.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE PLAT FOR THE SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY LOCATED OFF OF SOUTHEASTERN LAND DISTRICT WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER FOR DARREL D. VALLET

Motion by Mr. Jarreau and seconded by Mr. Bazile:

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendations of the Planning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, a plat showing the subdivision of Tract II-4 and Tract II-3B into Tract II-4-A, Tract II-4-B & Tract II-3B-1 (being a portion of the Mary G. LeBlanc Estate) located off of Southeastern Land District west of the Mississippi River in Section 77, T6S & R9E for Darrel D. Vallet be approved.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

ADOPTION OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL MANUAL AND REPEAL ALL PREVIOUS VERSIONS OF SAID MANUAL, INCLUDING ALL RESOLUTIONS AMENDING THE MANUAL, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2019

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mr. Soulier:

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Government Personnel Manual be adopted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, effective April 1, 2019, and all previous versions of said manual, including all resolutions amending the manual be repealed.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR DG LOUISIANA, LLC (DOLLAR GENERAL STORE NO. 19750, VENTRESS)

Motion by Mr. Boudreaux and seconded by Mr. Soulier:

RESOLVED, That the approval of a liquor license for DG Louisiana, LLC (Dollar General Store No. 19750, Ventress) be tabled, due to additional information is needed.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced the next Executive Committee meeting will be March 26, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

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Motion by Mr. Jarreau and seconded by Mr. Bazile, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

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Gerrie P. Martin  
Council Clerk

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Dustin Boudreaux  
Chairman