

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
August 27, 2019

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council Executive Committee met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 27, 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.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 23, 2019 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of July 23, 2019 meeting of the Executive Committee be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION ABOUT THE SEWER DISTRICTS IN THE PARISH BY LA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Senior Environmental Scientist Wayne Slater of LA Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) discussed the inspections of the sewer districts in the parish. He gave an overview of two (2) outstanding enforcement actions issued in 2018 by DEQ against two (2) of the sewer districts.

Environmental Scientist Supervisor Jeff Jackson of LA Department of Environmental Quality reported on the compliance assistance they provide to parish governments and municipalities with bringing the sewer districts in compliance.

Parish President Major Thibaut gave an overview of the operations and maintenance of the sewer districts.

DISCUSSION OF MINIMUM LOT SIZE REQUIREMENTS IN THE PARISH BY LA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

This item will be scheduled for discussion at a future meeting.

DISCUSSION AND OVERVIEW OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Chairman Johnny Ewing gave an overview of the Planning Commission and the role they play in subdividing property and approving the development of subdivisions in the parish. He gave an outline of zoning, variances, etc. in the parish. He reported on the proposed amendments to the subdivision ordinance presented in 2010 that were not approved, and asked the council to review and reconsider amending the ordinance.

Land Surveyor Cletus Langlois voiced his support of the amendments to the subdivision ordinance, and suggested review of the masterplan for the parish that includes a land use plan.

DISCUSS APPOINTMENTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

Chairman Boudreaux reported on his experience of attending the Fire District No. 3 meeting, and encouraged other councilmembers to attend meetings of the fire districts in the parish.

Mr. Greg Johnson, a member of Fire District No. 5 Board of Commissioners, commented about any changes being made to the bylaws for their board and meetings. Mr. Johnson commented on their meetings and informed the committee about an incident that occurred at one of their meeting.

President Thibaut commented on the future of the fire districts and possible changes needed moving forward in the future.

Council Clerk Martin will send councilmembers the schedule of the meetings dates and time for the fire districts in the parish.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE REGULATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS & OTHER STRUCTURES OVER FALSE RIVER

Councilman Bergeron commented on a meeting with contractors and reviewed the suggested amendments to the proposed ordinance relative to the regulation of the construction of buildings & other structures over False River with the members.

FINANCIAL REPORT

President Thibaut gave a financial report that included increase in sales tax collections by 3%; and the increase in severance tax; total revenues and expenditures; advancement of funds given to the airport, due to the Coastal Bridge litigation; upcoming proposed budget amendments; setting up the rainy day fund; capital outlay funding; total funds expended to the sewer districts over a three-year period; Bond Commission's approval of the issuance, sale & delivery of \$2,500,000 limited tax bonds; the 25% capital outlay funding match needed for the False River Ecosystem Project.

He reported the parish will be hosting the ethics and sexual harassment trainings at the Scott Civic Center on November 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. All employees and elected officials are required to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced the parish office will be closed Monday, September 2, 2019 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday, and the next council meeting will be held September 10, 2019.

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mr. Soulier, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman