

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
October 8, 2019**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 8, 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, Edwin Soulier, Sidney LaCoste, Charles Watkins, Kurt Jarreau, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10 & 24, 2019 MEETINGS

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of September 10, 2019 regular meeting and September 24, 2019 special meeting of the Parish Council be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AWARD (JOE ZABACK)

Parish President Major Thibaut presented an anniversary service award to employee Joe Zaback for five (5) years of dedicated service.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parish President Thibaut gave updates on the finances including the bond issuance closing on October 22, 2019; proposed 2020 Operating Budget and amended 2019 Operating Budget; announced Ingram Barge Company is leaving the parish and moving back to Plaquemine Parish in 2020 resulting in a reduction in revenues to the parish; and the parish contribution to the retirement system will increase from 11.5% to 12.25% in 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO AMENDING AND RE-ORDAIN THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL MANUAL TO ESTABLISH A POLICY FOR DESIGNATION AND MANAGEMENT OF EMERGENCY ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Pointe Coupee Parish relative to amending and re-ordain the Pointe Coupee Parish Government Personnel Manual to establish a policy for designation and management of emergency essential personnel was conducted at 5:40 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

There were no objections received orally or written to the ordinance.

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

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Pointe Coupee Parish relative to amending and re-ordain the Pointe Coupee Parish Government Personnel Manual to establish a policy for designation and management of emergency essential personnel be adopted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

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.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO REENACT CHAPTER 2 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE REVIEW OF VOTING PRECINCTS WITH LESS THAN 300 ACTIVE VOTERS

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to reenact Chapter 2 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances relative to the review of voting precincts with less than 300 active voters in the parish was conducted at 5:42 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

There were no objections received orally or written to the ordinance.

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

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to reenact Chapter 2 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances relative to the review of voting precincts with less than 300 active voters in the parish be adopted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 20 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO CREATING AND REESTABLISHING A SINGLE BOARD TO SERVE AS THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY FOR EACH OF THE SEWERAGE DISTRICTS IN EXISTENCE IN POINTE COUPEE PARISH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH LRS 33:3887.8 (PUBLIC HEARING NOVEMBER 12, 2019)

Chairperson Joetta Joseph of Pointe Coupee Parish Sewerage District No. 1 commented on their objections to the consolidation of the sewerage districts and the creating and reestablishing a single board to serve as the governing authority for each of the sewerage districts in the parish. She stated their board is financially stable and doing well, and asked that the council seek other alternatives to address the problems with the other sewer districts.

Mr. Roger Dixon and Ms. Delphine Bridgewater both stated they supported the comments made by Ms. Joseph.

Councilmembers Bazile and Watkins, whose districts Sewerage Districts No. 1 & 4 are located, commented on the condition and stability of both sewerage districts, and asked that the districts and their boards not be consolidated.

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE
AND OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances relative to creating and reestablishing a single board to serve as the governing authority for each of the sewerage districts in existence in Pointe Coupee Parish, in accordance with LRS 33:3887.8, has been introduced before the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, and that a public hearing will be held relative thereto at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana, after which said ordinance may be considered for adoption. All interested persons are urged to attend.

RECOMMENDATION(S) FROM PLANNING COMMISSION:

APPROVAL OF A PLAT SHOWING THE REMOVAL OF LOT B-2 AND LOT B-3 FROM THE REMAINDER OF LOT B BEING A PORTION OF LOTS 3 & 4 OF THE PARTITION OF THE UPPER PART OF VALVERDA PLANTATION AT MARINGOUIN IN SECTION 63, T6S & R9E FOR BARBARA TALBOT; AND APPROVAL OF A PLAT SHOWING THE SUBDIVISION OF TRACT 5 (VELMA J. BUECHE RIVERBANK PROPERTY) INTO TRACTS 5-A THRU 5-F (FORMERLY ELI JARREAU – LAKEHOME PLANTATION) AT VENTRESS IN SECTION 34, T5S & R10E FOR THE HEIRS OF VELMA J. BUECHE

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

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendations of the Planning Commission and Parish Sanitarian Carl Whittington, a plat showing the removal of Lot B-2 and Lot B-3 from the remainder of Lot B being a portion of Lots 3 & 4 of the partition of the upper part of Valverda Plantation located at Maringouin in Section 63, T6S & R9E for Barbara Talbot be approved; and be it

RESOLVED further, That upon the recommendations of the Planning Commission and Parish Sanitarian Carl Whittington, a plat showing the subdivision of Tract 5 (Velma J. Bueche Riverbank Property) into Tracts 5-A thru 5-F (formerly Eli Jarreau - Lakehome Plantation) located at Ventress in Section 34, T5S & R10E for The Heirs of Velma J. Bueche be approved.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION(S):

AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN A GRANT APPLICATION WITH LA DOTD FOR THE COUNCIL ON AGING TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

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

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for a grant under 49 CFR 5311, Formula Grant for Rural Areas and/or 49 CFR 5339, Grants for Bus and Bus Facility Program.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation and Development is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provisions by it of the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, it is required by Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance that it will comply with Title VI of the

Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U. S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and the definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority businesses shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment, or consultant and other services: Therefore be it

RESOLVED by Pointe Coupee Parish:

1. That the Parish President is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of Pointe Coupee Parish with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, to aid in the financing of operating and/or capital assistance projects pursuant to the FTA transit programs.
2. That the Parish President is authorized to execute and file with such applications an assurance or any other document required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.
3. That the Parish President is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development may require in connection with the application or the project.
4. That the Parish President is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.
5. That the Parish President is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of Pointe Coupee Parish with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.
6. This resolution is applicable for a period of one year unless revoked by the governing body and copy of such revocation shall be furnished to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2019-2020 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANT PROGRAM (LGAP) WITH OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (OCD)

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

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Government is in dire need of purchasing new equipment that is needed to perform the daily maintenance and operations in the parish; and

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Government does not have the necessary funds to purchase the equipment: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Council hereby supports the Pointe Coupee Parish Government's application and request of funds in the total amount of \$77,000 from the Louisiana Office of Community Development, Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) to fund the purchase of various equipment to include a generator, mower, UTV and trailer, and John Deer Gator; and be it

RESOLVED further, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Rick Ward, III and Representative Jeremy LaCombe to support this endeavor.

Unanimously carried.

SET TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS IN THE RURAL AREAS OF THE PARISH

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

RESOLVED, That the hours for trick-or-treat be set from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2019 in the rural areas of the parish for children 12 years old and under.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced there will be no Executive Committee meetings in the months of November and December, due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. He announced October 22, 2019 will be the last committee meeting for the year.

Motion by Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Jarreau, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman