

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 26, 2021

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council Executive Committee met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 26, 2021, 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, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Mr. Edward Bazile.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2020 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of October 27, 2020 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 OF PROPOSED MOBILE HOME REGULATIONS ORDINANCE

Councilman Jarreau discussed and reviewed his proposed amendments to the Mobile Home Parks Ordinance. He proposed changes to Section 25-4 (3) (4) & (8) regarding minimum standards relative to the requirements for the road, turnaround at rear of property, and a privacy fence.

Councilmen LaCoste, Bergeron and Boudreaux voiced concerns about the proposed amendments to the ordinance.

Parish President Major Thibaut commented on the proposed amendments to the ordinance, and made suggestions regarding the amendments.

After discussion, Councilman Jarreau will review further with councilmembers to finalize the proposed amendments to the ordinance for introduction at their council meeting in February.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED VENTRESS SOLAR PROJECT

Parish President Thibaut introduced Project Development Manager Jack Steele of Lightsource BP, who gave a PowerPoint presentation detailing their proposed project to locate a solar farm off of Ventress Road in the parish by 2023. The farm will be located on 1,000 acres of land leased from J. E. Jumonville. In closing, he addressed questions and concerns from councilmembers.

President Thibaut gave closing remarks about the project and future meetings that will be held with parish officials to discuss this matter further.

DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO SPEED BUMPS ON PARISH ROADS

Chairman Boudreaux reported on calls received about installing speed bumps on parish roads. He reported the parish does not have an ordinance governing speed bumps, but implemented a practice of requiring a signed petition with over 50% of the landowners' signatures requesting placement of speed bumps on a particular road. The councilmembers discussed advantages and disadvantages of placing speed bumps on roads. Chairman Boudreaux commented on correspondence received in 2014 from the parish engineer detailing the disadvantages of placing speed bumps on roads.

Public Works Director Nathan Cobb gave an overview of placing speed bumps on roads.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT/DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Parish President Thibaut gave updates on the following:

Recreational programs, various improvements at False River Recreation Park and scheduled events at Multi-Use Center; new equipment arriving in Public Works Department, patching roads in the parish and drainage improvement projects; future gas upgrades and improvements; Courthouse and Courthouse Annex No. 2 improvement projects; a reduction in complaints received for solid waste and bulky waste collections; 11 plats and 1 variance approved by Planning and Zoning Commission; the COVID-19 vaccine is being administered at Super1 Foods, Walmart & Arbor Family Health, 2,213 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 64 deaths, 1,863 presumed recovery and 286 presumed active cases in the parish; purchased the building that house the Sheriff Criminal Investigation Division, and the relocation of the New Roads Police Department and Registrar of Voters in said building in March and April; American Queen River Boat will dock at the Port of Pointe Coupee site at New Roads (old ferry landing); leasing eight (8) vehicles with Enterprise; cross training of employees; and expanding the Iworqs program for work orders in the parish. In closing, he responded to questions from council.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Councilman Jarreau congratulated Mrs. Bridgette Deville (Justice of the Peace District 10) and Mr. Ned Tolliver (Constable District 10) for being elected without opposition.

Motion by Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mr. LaCoste, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman