

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
February 12, 2019

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 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 JANUARY 15 & 29, 2019 MEETINGS

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of January 15, 2019 and January 29, 2019 meetings 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.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Major Thibaut reported on the following:

- Proposals received for operations of the concession for the Recreation Department.
- Advertisement for Bids to perform the roadside and parish properties grass cutting.
- Updating the parish logo, website and Facebook page, current policy & procedures manuals, work orders and Mosquito Abatement Program.
- The Director of Public Works/Utilities began work on February 11, 2019.
- He gave a deadline of Tuesday, February 19, 2019 to receive lists from the Councilmembers of problems with Kansas City Railroad in their districts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE FOLLOWING INTRODUCED ORDINANCES, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II OF SECTION 2-21 OF THE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING MEETING DATES AND TIMES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article II of Section 2-21 of the Parish Code of Ordinances relative to establishing meeting dates and times for the Parish Council was conducted at 5:44 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana. There were no objections received orally or written.

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

RESOLVED, That an ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article II of Section 2-21 of the Parish Code of Ordinances relative to establishing meeting dates and times for the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, and further providing with respect thereto was 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.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5 OF THE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO ADOPTING A CODE OF RULES & REGULATIONS FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amending Article VI, Section 5 of the Parish Code of Ordinances relative to adopting a Code of Rules & Regulations for the Parish Council was conducted at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana. There were no objections received orally or written.

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

RESOLVED, That an ordinance amending Article VI, Section 5 of the Parish Code of Ordinances relative to adopting a Code of Rules & Regulations for the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, and further providing with respect thereto was 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.

RECOMMENDATION(S) FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

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

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendations of the Pointe Coupee Planning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, a 5ft. sideline variance request be granted on left side of existing lot for Michael & Dianne Chauffe at 7062 False River Road, Oscar, due to the narrow size of lot be approved.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

AWARD PROPOSAL FOR COLLECTION & DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE IN THE PARISH

Parish President Thibaut gave an overview of the proposals and a cost analysis for the collection and disposal of solid waste in the parish. He recommended awarding the proposal to Pelican Waste & Debris, which resulted in a yearly cost savings of \$67,141.20 and cap on the CPI and disposal fees. After discussion, the following resolution was offered:

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

RESOLVED, That the proposal submitted by Pelican Waste & Debris for the collection & disposal of solid waste in the parish be accepted; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Mr. Major Thibaut, Parish President, be authorized to execute a contract agreement between the Pointe Coupee Parish Government and Pelican Waste & Debris for the collection & disposal of solid waste in the parish for a five-year term.

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.

CONDEMNATION OF STRUCTURE AT 4468 FISHERMAN ROAD AT BATCHELOR OWNED BY LARRY MERTENS

Councilman Gaspard commented on a report received from Certified Building Official Tommy Leonard concerning the condemnation of the abandoned structure (house) located at 4468 Fisherman Road, Batchelor owned by Larry A. Mertens that is in bad condition and a potential hazard for human occupancy.

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

RESOLVED, That the abandoned structure (house) located at 4468 Fisherman Road, Batchelor owned by Larry A. Mertens be condemned; and be it

RESOVLED further, That a public hearing be held Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. for the condemnation of the abandoned structure (house) owned by Larry A. Mertens.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL TO SEND EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE MRS. MARGARET ANN DANKO

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

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his eternal reward Mrs. Margaret Ann Danko; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Margaret Ann Danko was a native of New Roads and resident of Ventress, Louisiana Pointe Coupee Parish for 76 years; and

WHEREAS, her presence will be sadly missed by her family and friends: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Pointe Coupee Parish Council does and hereby extends to the family of Mrs. Margaret Ann Danko this resolution of sympathy in the loss of their loved one.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced the first meeting of the Executive Committee will be February 26, 2019 at 5:30 p.m., and the next regular meeting of the Parish Council will be March 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

He announced due to the Mardi Gras Holiday, Lionel Boudreaux Trucking has changed their date for the collection of bulky waste and white goods from Tuesday, March 5, 2019 to Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

Motion by Mr. Jarreau and seconded by Mr. Soulier, the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.