

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
May 14, 2019**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at the Courthouse Annex in the Parish Council Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

Chairman Boudreaux gave condolences and prayers to the family of Mrs. Natalie Thibaut Comeaux, who passed away. She was the aunt of Parish President Major Thibaut.

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 APRIL 9, 2019 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of April 9, 2019 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:

RECOGNITION OF THREE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AS RECIPIENTS OF THE JULIEN POYDRAS FUNDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Certificate of recognitions were presented to the following 2019 graduating seniors as recipient of the \$500 Julien Poydras Fund Scholarships:

- Councilman Bergeron presented James Norman Garrett, IV, graduate of Catholic High School of Pointe Coupee.
- Councilman Jarreau presented Dennise Corona, graduate of Livonia High School.
- Councilman Bazile announced Anna Katherine Campbell, graduate of False River Academy, who was not present.

EMPLOYEES ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AWARDS (SYLVESTER PLATT, RAYMOND LACOUR, JOHN DAVID & ANTHONY LEWIS)

Parish President Major Thibaut presented anniversary service awards to employees Sylvester Platt for 25 years, Raymond LaCour for 15 years and Anthony Lewis for 5 years of dedicated service. He announced an employee anniversary service award is being presented to employee John David for 10 years of dedicated service.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO TYLER BARRIOS

Parish President Thibaut presented a certificate of recognition to Tyler Barrios for providing excellent service and assistance to the parish with removing trees and debris from roads in the parish during the recent storm. Councilman Soulier also thanked Mr. Barrios for his service to the parish.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Major Thibaut gave a review and updates of the following:

- Overview of the finances, infrastructures and options for repairs to buildings in the parish.
- Status on setting up an emergency fund of approximately \$230,000 or more to be set aside each year for the next five (5) years, as per requirement in the charter.
- Will be presenting budget amendments in a few months.
- Announced and invited councilmembers to attend a meeting of the Corps of Engineers on May 15, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the E-911 Communications Center to discuss the high waters in the Mississippi River.
- Declaration of Emergency was issued today, due to the recent rainfall.
- False River is high and closed, due to over 10 inches of rainfall throughout the parish.
- Capital Outlay funding has been moved by the Legislature to Priority 1 for \$500,000 to repair the Courthouse and \$250,000 to repair the Courthouse Annex Building.
- Repairs to the sewer system and kitchen at the Detention Center.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT PROVISIONS OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO CULVERTS; TO PROVIDE FOR PERMITS, FEES AND SPECIFICATIONS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend and reenact provisions of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances relative to culverts; to provide for permits, fees and specifications; and to provide for related matters was conducted at 6:08 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Mr. Elliott Bizette commented and questioned the reason why NRCS denied him a replacement culvert on one side of his property, and thereafter was issued a culvert permit from the parish.

In response to Mr. Bizette, Parish President Thibaut gave an overview of this matter and stated it is illegal for the parish to dispense public funds if not benefitting the public, unless there is a written documentation stating the parish is legally required to do so.

Chairman Boudreaux commented on the ordinance and recommended changes be made in paragraph (a) of Section 19-20 the word “may” be removed and replace with the word “will”, and paragraphs (b) and (c) of Section 19-20 of said ordinance be removed. He stated due to the recent rainfall, there are some culverts that need to be changed and replaced that are impeding drainage.

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

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

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend and reenact provisions of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances relative to culverts; to provide for permits, fees and specifications; and to provide for related matters be amended.

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.

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

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend and reenact provisions of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances relative to culverts; to provide for permits, fees and specifications; and to provide for related matters be adopted with amendments 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 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A NINETY-NINE YEAR FRANCHISE TO PC ELECTRIC (PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD JUNE 11, 2019)

Mrs. Desiree Lemoine of PC Electric presented a proposed ordinance granting a ninety-nine year franchise to PC Electric for introduction by the Parish Council.

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

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE
AND OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance granting a ninety-nine year franchise to PC Electric to supply electric power and energy throughout the Parish of Pointe Coupee, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto for inclusion in the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances 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, June 11, 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.

Unanimously carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS(S) FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

APPROVAL OF A 6FT. SIDELINE VARIANCE REQUEST FOR JOHN BORDELON AT LA HWY. 413, VENTRESS

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

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendations of the Planning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, a 6ft. sideline variance request on right side of existing lot A-1 off of LA Hwy. 413 at Ventress for John Bordelon be approved.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO PC WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO 1 AND PC WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 2

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

RESOLVED, That the reappointment of Messrs. Randy Jarreau for two-year term, John Smith for two-year term, and Ashley Bonds for one-year term as members of the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 1 be approved; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the reappointment of Messrs. Van Debatz for five-year term and Mark Major for one-year term as members of the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 2 be approved.

Unanimously carried.

ADOPT THE LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE 2018 AUDIT

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

RESOLVED, That the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire with the LA Legislative Auditor for the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury 2018 Audit Engagement be adopted.

Unanimously carried.

AWARD BID FOR PARISH WIDE DRAINAGE PROJECT NO. 2 – JOHNSON CANAL PUMPING STATION INFLUENT CANAL DREDGING

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

RESOLVED, That the low bid in the amount of \$898,700.00 submitted by Magnolia Dredge & Dock, LLC for the Parish Wide Drainage Project No. 2 – Johnson Canal Pumping Station Influent Canal Dredging be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

AWARD BID FOR LIGHTING AT MULTI-USE CENTER

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

RESOLVED, That the low bid in the amount of \$43,000.00 submitted by Ike Smith Electric, Inc. for the installation of lighting at the Multi-Use Center be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE THE POINTE COUPEE BANNER AS THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL FOR THE PARISH AS REQUIRED BY LA R.S. 43:141 AND LA R.S. 43:142, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

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

RESOLVED, That the appointment of The Pointe Coupee Banner as the Official Journal for the parish as required by LA R.S. 43:141 & LA R.S. 43:142, effective July 1, 2019 be approved.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL TO NAME A PRIVATE ROAD ALLEMENT LANE OFF OF BEN STERLING ROAD FOR E-911 PURPOSES

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

RESOLVED, That a private road be named Allement Lane located off of Ben Sterling Road for E-911 purposes be approved.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced the next Executive Committee meeting will be May 28, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Boudreaux announced that the parish government will be closed Monday, May 27, 2019 in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

Motion by Mr. Bergeron and seconded by Mr. Jarreau, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.