

**MINUTES**  
**POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**September 10, 2019**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 10, 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 AUGUST 13, 2019 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of August 13, 2019 regular meeting of the Parish Council be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

RESOLVED, That the agenda be amended for inclusion of the following:

- Resolution – Approve Liquor License for Laquita Cotton (Club Couture, 11801 LA Hwy. 1, Lettsworth).

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.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AWARD (MORRIS FRANKLIN)

Parish President Major Thibaut presented an anniversary service award to employee Morris Franklin for 30 years of dedicated service.

ANNOUNCE CANDIDACY FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 18

Mr. Brandon Bergeron announced his candidacy for State Representative in District 18 and asked the councilmembers for their support.

ANNOUNCE CANDIDACY FOR SHERIFF OF POINTE COUPEE PARISH

Sheriff Beauregard “Bud” Torres announced his candidacy for re-election as Sheriff of Pointe Coupee Parish and asked the councilmembers for their support.

PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Parish President Major Thibaut gave updates on finances and reported a proposed operating budget & capital outlay budget for 2020 will be presented at the Executive Committee meeting on September 24, 2019; an ordinance will be introduced on November 12, 2019 to amend the existing 2019 budget and adopt the proposed 2020 budget, which a public hearing will be held December 10, 2019. He gave updates on public works and administrations and reported on Watershed Initiative

meetings; RFPs are being finalized for a grant manager, debris monitor, emergency debris removal and animal shelter; Litter Abatement Program and CEA executed with the sheriff for use of vans for said program; voter precincts management and changes for 2021 relative to the census; utilizing the iWorQ System for work orders and permits online October 1, 2019; opening bids for the road resurfacing program on September 17, 2019. He gave updates on recreation and announced the employment of Mr. Paul Armand as Parks & Recreation Program Facility Manager; the football and soccer programs; constructions and improvements at PC Rec will begin October 1, 2019 that will be funded by monies raised by friends of the park; and events scheduled at the Multi-Use Center.

Parish President Thibaut recommended the consolidation of the sewerage districts and the creation of a single nine-member board to serve as the governing authority for each sewerage districts in the parish. He recommended each councilmember appoint themselves or a designee from their district, and his appointment or designee to serve as members of the board. He reported on introducing a proposed ordinance by the council to begin the process of establishing the board. In closing, he responded to questions from the councilmembers.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

#### DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OF AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ORDAIN PARAGRAPHS A AND E OF SECTION 6-27 OF CHAPTER 6 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE REGULATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES OVER FALSE RIVER.

Councilman Bergeron reported on the proposed amendments made to adjust the setbacks to 5ft. and the minimum lower level of the height of the structures to the proposed ordinance relative to the regulations of the construction of buildings and other structures over False River.

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

RESOLVED, That the amendments to a proposed ordinance to amend and re-ordain Paragraphs A and E of Section 6-27 of Chapter 6 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances relative to the regulation of the construction of buildings and other structures over False River be accepted 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.

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

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend and re-ordain Paragraphs A and E of Section 6-27 of Chapter 6 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances relative to the regulation of the construction of buildings and other structures over False River be adopted with amendments 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 AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF POINTE COUPEE PARISH AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,500,000) LIMITED TAX BONDS, SERIES 2019 OF THE PARISH

OF POINTE COUPEE, STATE OF LOUISIANA; PRESCRIBING THE FORM, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, 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 authorizing and providing for the issuance, sale, and delivery of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) limited tax bonds, Series 2019 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms, and conditions of such bonds and providing for the payment thereof; and providing for other matters in connection therewith was conducted at 6:03 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 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. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Bergeron:

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Pointe Coupee Parish authorizing and providing for the issuance, sale, and delivery of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) limited tax bonds, Series 2019 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms, and conditions of such bonds and providing for the payment thereof; and providing for other matters in connection therewith 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.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ORDAIN SECTION 16-31 OF ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 16 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF POINTE COUPEE PARISH RELATIVE TO DERELICT STRUCTURES IN THE PARISH, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend and re-ordain Section 16-31 of Article III of Chapter 16 of the Code of Ordinances of Pointe Coupee Parish relative to Derelict Structures in the parish was conducted at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 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. Soulier and seconded by Mr. Watkins:

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend and re-ordain Section 16-31 of Article III of Chapter 16 of the Code of Ordinances of Pointe Coupee Parish relative to Derelict Structures 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. 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 AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF POINTE COUPEE PARISH RELATIVE TO ESTABLISH THE PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY FOR THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT, 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 establish the Public Records Policy for the Pointe Coupee Parish Government was conducted at 6:06 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 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. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Watkins:

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Pointe Coupee Parish relative to establish the Public Records Policy for the Pointe Coupee Parish Government 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.

BOARD OF REVIEW FOR ASSESSMENT

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met at 6:07 p.m. as a Board of Review to hear complaints and/or protests as to the value of property for parish assessment purposes. Chairman Boudreaux announced that Assessor James “Jimmy” Laurent, Jr. and Clerk Martin reported there were no appeals received.

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

RESOLVED, That the appraisal of assessment of properties, rules and regulations in the parish as presented by the Assessor be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

AN 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 (PUBLIC HEARING OCTOBER 8, 2019)

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 amending and re-ordain the Pointe Coupee Parish Government Personnel Manual to establish a policy for designation and management of emergency essential personnel 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, October 8, 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 PLAT SHOWING THE REMOVAL OF LOT B-1 FROM LOT B FORMERLY THE RALPH HEBERT PROPERTY LOCATED OFF OF LA HIGHWAY 418 AT BATCHELOR IN SECTIONS 51, 72 & 73, T2S & R7E FOR LOGAN GASPARD

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

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendations of the Planning Commission and Parish Sanitarian Carl Whittington, a plat showing the removal of Lot B-1 from Lot B (formerly the

Ralph Hebert Property) located off of LA Highway 418 at Batchelor in Sections 51, 72 & 73, T2S & R7E for Logan Gaspard be approved, and that the 20ft. private servitude passage includes the utility servitude.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Mr. Gaspard.

On a vote of 7-0-0-1, the motion carried.

APPROVAL TO GRANT A 5FT VARIANCE REQUEST FOR PAUL & GWENDOLYN WALLS AT 8769 PETE STREET, LIVONIA

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

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendations of the Planning Commission and Parish Sanitarian Carl Whittington and information received from the Town of Livonia, a 5ft. variance request on the rear setback only for Paul & Gwendolyn Walls at 8769 Pete Street, Livonia be approved, due to the hardship of limited space.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL TO GRANT A 5FT VARIANCE REQUEST FOR EDWARD J. ALTAZAN OFF OF LA HWY. 413, JARREAU

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

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendations of the Planning Commission and Parish Sanitarian Carl Whittington, a 5ft. variance request on both sides of the property for Edward J. Altazan off of LA Hwy. 413 at Jarreau be approved, due to the hardship of having a narrow lot size.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION(S):

APPROVE INCREASE IN ANNUAL LEASE PAYMENT TO HELEN AUCOIN OLINDE FOR POLLING PLACE IN COUNCILMAN DISTRICT E AT VENTRESS

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

RESOLVED, That the annual lease payment to Helen Aucoin Olinde be increased to the amount of \$1,500 for the polling place in Councilman District E at Ventress be approved.

Unanimously carried.

ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE ACADIANA PLANNING COMMISSION FOR LA WATERSHED INITIATIVE REGION NO. 5

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

A resolution approving an agreement with **Acadiana Planning Commission** for the purpose of applying for grant funding and acting in support of Watershed Region No. 5 management activities and in conjunction with the State of Louisiana Watershed Initiative.

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Watershed Initiative was formed in order to coordinate statewide floorplan management efforts through a watershed management approach in response to the 2016 Great Floods and in preparation for future storm and flood events. This coordination includes outreach with local communities to build support for watershed region management approaches that can more effectively address mounting water risks statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, coordination among Pointe Coupee Parish and its regional partners within Watershed Region No. 5 is critical to reducing flood risk and preserving the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Pointe Coupee Parish; and

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Watershed Initiative has requested applications for participation in a Regional Capacity Building Grant Program, which may enable the provision of technical assistance to Pointe Coupee Parish and its regional partners if awarded, thereby furthering immediate watershed management and flood risk reduction goals.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the agreement between Pointe Coupee Parish and **Acadiana Planning Commission** for the purpose of applying for grant funding and acting in support of Watershed Region No. 5 management activities and in conjunction with the State of Louisiana Watershed Initiative is hereby approved.

Unanimously carried.

ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH CENTRAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR LA WATERSHED INITIATIVE REGION NO. 6

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

RESOLVED, That at the request of Parish President Major Thibaut, a resolution to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with South Central Planning & Development Commission for the LA Watershed Initiative Region No. 6 be tabled.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR LAQUITA COTTON (CLUB COUTURE, 11801 LA HWY. 1, LETTSWORTH)

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

RESOLVED, That a liquor license for Laquita Cotton (Club Couture, 11801 LA Hwy. 1, Lettsworth) be approved.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced a design meeting will be held with the residents of Pecan Acres Subdivision and Office of Community Development on September 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Scott Civic Center.

Motion by Mr. Jarreau and seconded by Mr. Bergeron, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

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Gerrie P. Martin  
Council Clerk

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Dustin Boudreaux  
Chairman