

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
February 11, 2020

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 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 JANUARY 14, 2020 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of January 14, 2020 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. Bergeron and seconded by Mr. Jarreau:

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

- Resolution--Appointment of members to the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning & Zoning Commission.

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:

PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT AWARD TO SANDRA CHUTZ

Parish President Major Thibaut presented a retirement award to employee Sandra Chutz for 35 years of service as a court reporter in the Judge's Office.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parish President Thibaut gave updates on the finances including sales tax collections, drainage, roads, recreation, Detention Center, road improvements, and utilities collections funds; one employee entered DROP, interviews of applicants for the positions of equipment operator and animal control officer; blighted properties in the parish and proposals to demolish derelict structures

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTERS 10 THROUGH 16, TO ACCOUNT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION

OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CHARTER, AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO. (PUBLIC HEARING MARCH 10, 2020)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to make changes to the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapters 10 through 16, to account for the implementation of the Pointe Coupee Parish Charter, and further providing with respect thereto 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, March 10, 2020 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.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO AMEND AND RE-ORDAIN THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL MANUAL TO INCLUDE SECTION 6.10: REQUEST FOR PAID TIME OFF, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. (PUBLIC HEARING MARCH 10, 2020)

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 amend and re-ordain the Pointe Coupee Parish Government Personnel Manual to include Section 6.10: Request for paid time off, and to provide for related matters 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, March 10, 2020 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 FOR THE SUBDIVISION OF A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED OFF LA HWY. 416 AT GLYNN, IN SECTIONS 55 & 86, T5S & R11E FOR OLINDE PROPERTIES, LLC

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 subdivision of a tract of land located off of LA Highway 416 at Glynn in Sections 55 & 86, T5S & R11E for Olinde Properties, LLC be approved.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION(S):

POINTE COUPEE TRICENTENNIAL (300 YEARS) CELEBRATION

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

WHEREAS, we, the community of Pointe Coupee, celebrate **Pointe Coupee 300 years in the making** which commemorates the Tricentennial milestone of the arrival of those families that permanently settled Pointe Coupee and gave us our rich heritage and culture; and

WHEREAS, in 1699 Iberville, his brother Bienville and others, conducted a surveying voyage along the riverbanks, scouting viable areas for settlements, arriving March 1699 at a cutoff from the Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, although the young French colony of Louisiana, a struggling outpost on the Gulf of Mexico, hovered between extinction and a spark of growth from 1699-1717, the

French regime remained interested in the strategic and economic potential of Mississippi River settlements; and

WHEREAS, by 1719 Europeans had invested in farm concessions to be built along the river bank and were soliciting workers to engage in contracts to come to permanently settle the Louisiana colony; and

WHEREAS, from 1719 to early 1720 over 100 men and families, who were born mostly in what is Belgium today, signed contracts in Mauberge, Hainaut (now France) to come to Louisiana, courageously leaving their life in Europe to work the land in a new world; and

WHEREAS, in 1720 those men and families embarked on various ships departing from ports at L'Orient and LaRochelle France for an arduous three-month long voyage, sailing to Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, among those men and families, were the first families of Pointe Coupee to permanently settle the area with the Ste. Reyne concession; and

WHEREAS, it is this period in our history that commenced the permanent settlement of Pointe Coupee: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we hereby commemorate and celebrate 2020 as Pointe **Coupee 300 years in the making**.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR DBERT, LLC (D'Z CORNER BAR, 7612 LEGION RD., VENTRESS)

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

RESOLVED, That a liquor license for Dean A. Hebert as Dbert, LLC (D'Z Corner Bar, 7612 Legion Road, Ventress) be approved.

Unanimously carried.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF THE LATE MARY FRANKLIN, DARYL DAVID AND ALDEN ANDRE

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

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his eternal reward Mrs. Mary Franklin, Mr. Daryl Wayne David and Mr. Alden L. Andre; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mary Franklin was a native and resident of Batchelor, Louisiana and Pointe Coupee Parish for 85 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Daryl Wayne David was a native of Erwinville and a resident of Livonia, Louisiana and Pointe Coupee Parish for 58 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alden L. Andre was a native and resident of Jarreau, Louisiana and Pointe Coupee Parish for 80 years; and

WHEREAS, their presence will be sadly missed by their families and friends: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Pointe Coupee Parish Council does and hereby offer our deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of Mrs. Mary Franklin, Mr. Daryl Wayne David and Mr. Alden L. Andre and this resolution of sympathy in the loss of their loved one.

Unanimously carried.

SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL AND PARISH PRESIDENT:

DISCUSSION OF FEES FOR RENTAL OF FALSE RIVER RECREATION PARK BASEBALL FIELDS

Mrs. Karla Guillory of Livonia asked the Parish Council to reconsider charging rental fees to the parish schools to practice on the ballfields at False River Recreation Park.

Parish President Thibaut commented on his research of this matter, which revealed the policy and rental fees were implemented and adopted by the parish January 10, 2017. He noted that the fees will be waived if the schools schedule 25% of their home games at FR Recreation Park. He also presented and reviewed the results of a research analysis of neighboring parishes about charging rental fees for use of their ballfields. In closing, he commented on the need to increase revenues, seek grants and review other avenues to make the necessary improvements and promote the recreation parks in the parish.

Chairman Boudreaux and other councilmembers expressed their views about this matter. After further discussion, no action was taken on this matter by the council.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF FEES FOR BOUNTY ON BEAVERS IN THE PARISH

The Parish Council discussed the current fees for bounty on beavers being trapped in the parish and consideration of increasing the bounty.

Chairman Boudreaux commented on a financial report received from Finance Director Tonilyn Guidry showing the monies the parish paid from 2018 thru 2019 for bounty on beavers, which the parish paid a total of \$8,220 for the last two years. He commented on the need to promote and advertise this service to the public.

Mr. Mike Ewing, retired employee of LA Wildlife & Fisheries, commented on this matter and gave suggestions about the process other parishes used for trapping beavers.

After discussion, the Parish Council agreed to increase the bounty for beavers from \$40 to \$50, and removed the requirement limiting 10 beaver tails per trapper.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

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

RESOLVED, That Ms. Ormetha Lynn Gunnells (District A) for a five-year term, Messrs. Price Gay (District B) for a six-year term, James Saizon (District C) for a six-year term, John Pinsonat (District D) for a six-year term, James White (District E) for a five-year term, James Beard (District F) for a four-year term, John Ewing (District G) for a four-year term and Mark Barrios (District H) for a five-year term be appointed members of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning & Zoning Commission.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced the Executive Committee meeting will not be held on February 25, 2020, due to the Mardi Gras Holiday. He announced the closure of the parish office February 17 & 25, 2020 in observance of Presidents' Day & Mardi Gras Holidays.

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mr. Jarreau, the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.