

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
May 12, 2020

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, 2020 via video conferencing.

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, Kurt Jarreau, Edward Bazile and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Messrs. Paul Bergeron and Charles Watkins.

APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 14 & 23, 2020 MEETINGS

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of April 14, 2020 regular meeting and April 23, 2020 special 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.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parish President Thibaut gave an overview of the finances including sales tax and utilities collections; reported no new employees were hired, no new or open positions available, and upcoming retirement of employees; the Litter Abatement Program is still suspended; the award of a \$76,000 LGAP grant to purchase new equipment; the \$12,000 raised by PC Animal Shelter and \$10,100 matching grant received from the Bissell Pet Foundation for a total of \$20,200, and a \$5,000 grant received from the US Humane Society for the shelter rebuild. In closing, he responded to questions from councilmembers.

In response to Councilman Bazile, President Thibaut reported 12 of the 18 confirmed deaths in the parish resulting from COVID-19 were from a nursing home in the parish. Thereafter, every patient in the nursing home has been tested. He reported the state has been at the facility to assess the situation, and offer guidance and support to improve the conditions.

In response to Councilman Jarreau, President Thibaut gave an overview of the funding and grants received for the restoration projects for the Courthouse, Courthouse Annex and Detention Center.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments received.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO ANIMALS AND FOWL IN THE PARISH, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 4 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances relative to animals and fowl in the parish was conducted at 6:04 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 via video conferencing. There were no objections received orally or written to the ordinance.

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

RESOLVED, That the adoption of a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 4 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances relative to animals and fowl in the parish be tabled until the next council meeting.

Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 22 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO SUBDIVISION IN THE PARISH, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances relative to subdivision in the parish was conducted at 6:06 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 via video conferencing. There were no objections received orally or written to the ordinance.

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

RESOLVED, That the adoption of a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances relative to subdivision in the parish be tabled until the next council meeting.

Unanimously carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTERS 17 THROUGH 24, TO ACCOUNT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CHARTER, AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO (PUBLIC HEARING JUNE 9, 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 17 through 24, 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, June 9, 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 THE ADOPTION OF THE 2015 PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE ROAD RATING REPORT WITH AMENDMENT (PUBLIC HEARING JUNE 9, 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 the adoption of the 2015 Parish of Pointe Coupee Road Rating Report with amendment 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 9, 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 SECTIONS 6-1 AND 6-2 OF CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE I OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMITS AND SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATION (PUBLIC HEARING JUNE 9, 2020)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend Sections 6-1 and 6-2 of Chapter 6, Article I of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances relative to residential and commercial building permits and sanctions for violation 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 9, 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.

RESOLUTION(S):

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, 2020

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

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, 2020 be approved.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Gaspard, LaCoste, Soulier, Jarreau, Bazile and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Watkins and Bergeron.

On a vote of 6-0-2, the motion carried.

AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO AWARD CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR THE PCP COURTHOUSE REROOFING AND EXTERIOR RESTORATION

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

RESOLVED, That the Parish President, Major Thibaut, be authorized to award the contract agreement between the Pointe Coupee Parish Government and Capitol Construction, LLC for the low base bid in the amount of \$579,000.00, Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$54,000.00, Alternate No. 2 in the amount of \$51,500.00, and Alternate No. 3 in the amount of \$3,700.00 for a total amount of \$688,200.00 for the Pointe Coupee Parish Courthouse Reroofing and Exterior Restoration Project, contingent on concurrence from LA Division of Administration, Office of Facility Planning and Control (FPC No. 50-J39-19-02).

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

YEAS: Messrs. Bazile, Jarreau, Soulier, LaCoste, Gaspard and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Bergeron and Watkins.

On a vote of 6-0-2, the motion carried.

PARISH WILL COMMIT ALL FUNDS IN EXCESS OF STATE FUNDS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE PCP COURTHOUSE REROOFING AND EXTERIOR RESTORATION

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

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Government will commit all funds in excess of State funds necessary to satisfactorily complete the Pointe Coupee Parish Courthouse Reroofing and Exterior Restoration, Planning and Construction, Project (FPC No. 50-J39-19-02).

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

YEAS: Messrs. Gaspard, LaCoste, Soulier, Jarreau, Bazile and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Watkins and Bergeron.

On a vote of 6-0-2, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux reminded councilmembers to complete their Annual Financial Disclosure Statement, due May 15, 2020. He announced the next Executive Committee meeting will be held May 26, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Councilman Bazile announced the groundbreaking was held today for the development of the new subdivision and construction of homes at New Roads for relocating the residents of Pecan Acres Subdivision. He thanked everyone for their hard work and support.

President Thibaut announced that COVID-19 drive thru testing will be held May 13, 2020 at Rosenwald Elementary at 8 a.m., and Friday, May 15, 2020 at Livonia High School at 8 a.m.

Councilman Jarreau thanked President Thibaut and OEP Director Mark Ward for their hard work in keeping the parish informed and updated about COVID-19.

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mr. Gaspard, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman