

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
July 14, 2020

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at the Cottonport Community Center, 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.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2020 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of June 9, 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. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Soulier:

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

- Introduction of an ordinance to amend and reenact Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances relative to subdivisions.

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:

EMPLOYEES ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AWARDS (ANN LEONARD & JAMES DAVID)

Parish President Major Thibaut tabled presentation of the anniversary service awards until the next meeting.

PRESENTATION OF 2019 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT SUBMITTED BY KOLDER, SLAVEN & COMPANY, LLC

CPA Robert Carter of Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC presented and gave a brief summary of the annual audit report of the Parish Government for the year ending December 31, 2019.

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

RESOLVED, That the 2019 annual audit report submitted by Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC for the Pointe Coupee Parish Government be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

UPDATES ON 2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

State Representative Jeremy LaCombe gave updates on the 2020 Legislative Session. He reported on the COVID-19 relief funds awarded by the state, and Capital Outlay funding awarded for eight projects throughout the parish.

Councilman Jarreau and the council thanked and applauded Representative LaCombe for his assistance to the parish.

Councilman Gaspard left the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parish President Thibaut thanked Representative LaCombe and Senator Rick Ward for their assistance in the legislature in obtaining funding for various projects in the parish.

He gave an overview of the finances including an increase in sales tax by 2.36%, and increase in gas collections, and awaiting collections from the severance tax; no changes in human resources; upcoming groundbreaking ceremony for improvements to the Parish Courthouse; and relocation of the Sheriff's Criminal Division of Investigations. In closing, he responded to questions from councilmembers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments received.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CLOSE-OUT OF THE SEWER PROJECT FOR PC PARISH SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 RELATIVE TO THE PARISH'S PERFORMANCE OF THE ACTIVITIES FUNDED UNDER THE FY2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (LCDBG) PROGRAM

A hearing to obtain public input on the close-out of the sewer project for Pointe Coupee Parish Sewerage District No. 1 relative to the parish's performance of the activities funded under the FY 2018 LA Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program was conducted at 6:24 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at the Cottonport Community Center, 208 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

There were no objections received orally or written, and the hearing was closed.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE II, SECTION 21-20(H) OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO SOLID WASTE; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO (PUBLIC HEARING AUGUST 11, 2020)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to enact Chapter 21, Article II, Section 21-20(h) of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to solid waste; and to otherwise provide 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, August 11, 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 CHAPTER 4 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO ANIMALS AND FOWL; TO ENACT SECTION 4-10; TO AMEND SECTION 4-12; TO ENACT ARTICLE IV; TO RE-DESIGNATE SECTIONS 4-29, 4-30, AND 4-31; TO ENACT SECTION 4-32; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO (PUBLIC HEARING AUGUST 11, 2020)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 4 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to animals and fowl; to enact Section 4-10; to amend Section 4-12; to enact Article IV; to re-designate Sections 4-29, 4-30, and 4-31; to enact Section 4-32; and to otherwise provide 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, August 11, 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 AND REENACT CHAPTER 22 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO SUBDIVISIONS (PUBLIC HEARING AUGUST 11, 2020)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend and reenact Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to subdivisions 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, August 11, 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):

RENEWAL OF MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH L & L WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES, LLC FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AT OLD RIVER LANDING

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

RESOLVED, That the renewal of a multi-year contract agreement between Pointe Coupee Parish Government and L & L Waste Collection Services, LLC for solid waste collection at Old River Landing be approved.

Unanimously carried.

HIRE SPECIAL COUNSEL BEAU BOURGEOIS WITH KEAN MILLER FOR COURTHOUSE LITIGATION AGAINST ORKIN PEST CONTROL SERVICE

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

RESOLVED, That Attorney Beau Bourgeois with Kean Miller be hired as special counsel to represent the parish for the courthouse litigation against Orkin Pest Control Service.

Unanimously carried.

SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL AND PARISH PRESIDENT:

APPEAL TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL TIME TO DEMOLISH AND REMOVE DERELICT STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 6663 ISLAND ROAD AT VENTRESS (PARCEL #369815)

On behalf of Mrs. Grace Lanoha, Parish President Thibaut informed the council of her appeal to the order of condemnation, and requesting additional time to demolish and remove the remaining abandoned structure located at 6663 Island Road at Ventress (Parcel #369815).

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

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Council hereby ratify the order of condemnation and Mr. James Dean Lanoha be granted a 90-day extension to demolish and

remove the remaining abandoned structure located at 6663 Island Road at Ventress.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION OF LEE LANE AT BATCHELOR

Chairman Boudreaux announced Mr. L. J. Grezaffi was not attending the meeting, and there will be no discussion on Lee Lane.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced the importance of all citizens in the parish to complete the 2020 census, and urge all councilmembers to promote and encourage their constituents to complete their census data.

Representative LaCombe announced LA DOTD will be overlaying LA Highway 418 at Lettsworth. He also announced that it is very important for elected officials to promote the census and help citizens complete their census data, which is very important for federal and state funding for the parish, as well as, representation in the legislation.

Motion by Mr. Bergeron and seconded by Mr. Watkins, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman