

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
May 26, 2020

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council Executive Committee met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, 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. Sidney LaCoste, Edwin Soulier, Charles Watkins, Kurt Jarreau, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Mr. Jimmie Gaspard.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2020 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of January 28, 2020 meeting of the Executive Committee be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ANIMALS AND FOWL ORDINANCE

Parish President Major Thibaut gave a brief overview of the proposed amendments and updates to the current animals and fowl ordinance.

In closing, questions and comments were received from some of the councilmembers about the proposed amendments.

DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE

Parish President Thibaut commented on amendments to the subdivision ordinance, and suggestions from the Planning & Zoning Commission about focusing on zoning and planning throughout the parish, and not particularly the subdividing of properties.

Chairman Boudreaux commented on the timeline for approving plats to subdivide properties.

DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSED ADOPTION WITH AMENDMENT OF THE 2015 PARISH ROAD RATING REPORT

Parish President Thibaut commented on the need to adopt the proposed 2015 Parish Road Rating Report that was presented in 2015, along with amendments to include a new road in a newly developed subdivision at Oscar.

Chairman Boudreaux commented on an amendment to correct the name of a road in a subdivision located at Oscar.

DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMITS AND SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATION ORDINANCE

Parish President Thibaut reported on the reason for revisions to the proposed amendment to the residential and commercial building permits and sanctions for violation ordinance. He reported on concerns from the parish building official regarding some contractors not receiving permits, and need to include sanctions for violations in the ordinance.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTERS 17 THROUGH 24, TO ACCOUNT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CHARTER

Chairman Boudreaux reported on the proposed changes and wording to the Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapters 17 through 24, to account for the implementation of the Pointe Coupee Parish Charter.

DISCUSSION OF THE CURRENT ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE CREATION & STRUCTURE OF THE TOURIST COMMISSION

Chairman Boudreaux and councilmembers discussed the current ordinance relative to the creation and structure of the current Pointe Coupee Parish Tourist Commission. He commented on the ordinances received from Iberville, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana Parishes regarding the creation of their tourist commission as comparison to our parish. He reported that Iberville and West Feliciana Parishes are the same as our parish. He commented on an alternative of whether the council wants to change the membership to eight members to include one appointment from each councilmember.

President Thibaut commented on this matter and reported any structural changes to the membership will have to be made and approve by the legislature

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT/DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Parish President Thibaut gave updates on the following:

PC Rec softball and baseball programs, improvements to False River Recreation Park, receipt of \$15,000 grant from Enbridge Pipeline Company for beautification to the park and \$7,500 for purchase of radios for emergency preparedness, and Mrs. Paula Clayton donated new mile markers and benches for the walking trail at FR Park; events being held at the Multi-Use Center and upcoming activities scheduled; mobile COVID-19 testing completed in the parish, 344 test results received with six tested positive, and awaiting 119 results between Pointe Coupee & West Baton Rouge Parishes; 87 residential permits issued in March and April, no commercial permits issued, Detention Center's roof near completion, Courthouse Annex Building's plans are 90% completed, awaiting approval from state to proceed with improvements to the Parish Courthouse, HOPE Ministry relocation on the grounds of the Detention Center, and animal shelter remodeling project; second round of roadside grass cutting, blighted properties removal in the parish, watershed and drainage maps being included on Assessor's GIS maps for public review, road repairs, three new excavators received, construction of the Pecan Acres resettlement subdivision, preliminary plans for the seawalls on M-1 Channel, Animal Control Program, Litter Abatement Program temporarily suspended, and a report will be sent out for Mosquito Abatement Program. In closing, he responded to questions from the councilmembers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

There were no announcements.

Motion by Mr. Jarreau and seconded by Mr. Watkins, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman