

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
June 9, 2020

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, 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, Sidney LaCoste, Edwin Soulier, Charles Watkins, Kurt Jarreau, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 12 & 26, 2020 MEETINGS

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of May 12, 2020 regular meeting and May 26, 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, reporting sales tax collection in April had a 2% reduction, and gas rates have not changed, but the revenue stabilization factor was initiated and adjusted the rates in May due to an increase in the gas consumption by 5%, noting there should be a decrease in upcoming months; two employees retired, and one hired part-time as equipment operator; Litter Abatement Program begun June 5, 2020, reduction in severance tax; Courthouse Restoration Project; a total of \$845,000 received from Texas Eastern & LA DOTD to perform drainage improvements at the airport. In closing, he responded to questions from councilmembers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments received.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF 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

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

RESOLVED, That the amendments to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 4 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances relative to animals and fowl in the parish be accepted 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.

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

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 4 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances relative to animals and fowl in the parish be adopted with amendments 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.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 22 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO SUBDIVISIONS IN THE PARISH

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

RESOLVED, That the amendments to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances relative to subdivisions in the parish be accepted 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.

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

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances relative to subdivisions in the parish be adopted with amendments 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 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, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to 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 was conducted at 5:49 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Chairman Boudreaux noted that Chapter 22 was excluded from Chapters 17 through 24 because it is the Subdivision Ordinance previously adopted.

There were no objections received orally or written to the ordinance.

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

RESOLVED, That the amendments to 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 be accepted 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.

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

RESOLVED, 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 be adopted with amendments 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 THE
POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE ADOPTION OF
THE 2015 PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE ROAD RATING REPORT WITH AMENDMENTS,
AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to 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 amendments was conducted at 5:52 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Attorney Bill Shockey, representing landowner L. J. Grezaffi, appeared before the council to ask their consideration of amending the ordinance to change the length of Lee Lane at Batchelor to 12,450 ft. to extend the road and allow Mr. Grezaffi public access to his property. Currently the road has a length of 8,472 ft. as noted in the 2015 Road Rating Report.

Land Surveyor Cletus Langlois commented on his survey in 1989 of Lee Lane Extension and reference past survey maps of Lee Lane being designated as a public road up to 12,450 ft.

Mr. Grezaffi reported on his property being land locked because the parish is not recognizing the full length of Lee Lane as a public road, and asked that all evidence he presented at the meeting be considered by the council.

President Thibaut commented on the research of documents and survey maps resulting in Lee Lane being a public road and having a length of 8,472 ft. as noted in the 2010 & 2015 Road Rating Reports. After discussion, he recommended adopting the ordinance as presented with amendments.

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

RESOLVED, That the amendments to 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 amendments be accepted 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.

Councilman Jarreau commented that even though the council is moving forward with adoption of the Road Rating Report, any additional documents presented by Mr. Grezaffi regarding Lee Lane could be considered by the council.

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

RESOLVED, 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 be adopted with amendments by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

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

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

NAYS: Messrs. Bergeron and Watkins.

ABSENT: None.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED 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, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to 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 was conducted at 6:31 p.m. at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 9, 2020 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. Bergeron and seconded by Mr. LaCoste:

RESOLVED, That the amendments to 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 be accepted 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.

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

RESOLVED, 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 be adopted with amendments by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 8-0-0, the motion carried.

RESOLUTION(S):

AWARD CONTRACT FOR GRANT AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES

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

RESOLVED, That a contract between CSRS, Inc. and Pointe Coupee Parish Government for grant and program management services be awarded.

Unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION

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

RESOLVED, That Mmes Lisa Robillard (nominated by Morganza Cultural District), Sharon Smith (nominated by Morganza Cultural District), Valery Dukes (nominated by Pointe Coupee Parish School Board) and Roye Chenevert (nominated by Pointe Parish Library Board of Control) be appointed to serve as members of the Pointe Coupee Parish Tourist Commission to fill an unexpired term of six months.

Substitute motion by Mr. Bergeron and seconded by _____:

RESOLVED, That Mmes Roye Chenevert (nominated by Pointe Parish Library Board of Control), Valery Dukes (nominated by Pointe Coupee Parish School Board), Amiee Moreau (nominated by Pointe Coupee Historical Society) and Lisa Robillard (nominated by Morganza Cultural District) be appointed to serve as members of the Pointe Coupee Parish Tourist Commission to fill an unexpired term of six months.

Motion died, due to lack of a second.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the original motion that resulted as follows:

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

NAYS: Messrs. Bergeron and Boudreaux.

ABSENT: None.

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

RECOMMEND TWO CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR TO SERVE ON THE CAPITAL AREA HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT

There were no candidates received.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

There were no announcements, notices, meetings, etc.

Motion by Mr. Soulier and seconded by Mr. Watkins, the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman