

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
July 28, 2020

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council Executive Committee met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, 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, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Messrs. Edward Bazile and Kurt Jarreau.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2020 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of June 23, 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 AMENDMENTS TO ANIMALS AND FOWL ORDINANCE

Chairman Boudreaux reported on a proposed ordinance that was introduced at the last council meeting 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 & 4-31; and to enact Section 4-32. Councilman Bergeron proposed suggested changes to be made to the ordinance.

President Thibaut gave an overview of why the amendments to the ordinance was introduced to include animal care establishments and permitting for animals and fowl in the parish.

A public hearing and proposed adoption of the ordinance will be held at the council meeting on August 11.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SUBDIVISIONS ORDINANCE

Chairman Boudreaux reported on a proposed ordinance that was introduced at the last council meeting to amend and reenact Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to subdivisions. Chairman Boudreaux reported that the proposed amendments resulted from Public Works Director Nathan Cobb and Facilities Manager Sal Genusa's review of the current ordinance. He also reported on a request from the building official to consider amending the rear setback lines for non-habitable buildings from 25ft. to 8ft. or 10ft. in Section 22-19 pertaining to lots. A public hearing and proposed adoption of the ordinance will be held at the council meeting on August 11.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE

Chairman Boudreaux reported on a proposed ordinance that was introduced at the last council meeting to enact Chapter 21, Article II, Section 21-20(h) of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to solid waste collection at Old River Landing. The amendments will include increasing the fees to \$13.25 per month, and suspend billing when the Mississippi River reaches the level of 32.5ft. at Baton Rouge and resume billing when the river level falls below 32.5ft. A public hearing and proposed adoption of the ordinance will be held at the council meeting on August 11.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT/DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Parish President Thibaut gave updates on the following:

65 residential building permits issued in June; improvements to the Parish Courthouse, the bid opening for renovations to the Courthouse Annex Building will be August 20, 2020, False River Restoration (Bulkhead) Project, remodeling of the animal shelter building, including an additional \$20,000 of donations received for the shelter, and replacement of gutters at the Multi-Use Center; 10 complaints received about the collections of residential solid waste and 4 for bulky waste; 2 blighted properties removed; there were 628 total cases, 29 deaths and 268 recoveries in the parish related to COVID-19 as of 7/26/20, and funds allocated to the parish from the LA Cares Act for governmental entities to seek reimbursements for COVID-19 related matters; PC Rec baseball, softball and soccer programs; Union Pacific Railroad allocated \$15,000 to fund beautification project at the entrance of False River Recreation Park, completion of the mile markers and benches installed along the walking trail at PC Rec, donated by Mrs. Paula Clayton, and donation of an American Flag in the Multi-Use Center by Johnny Steib; public works there were 579 work orders submitted, 429 completed and closed, 17 pending and 133 open; Litter Abatement Program collected 1,815 cubic yards of litter; animal control there were 69 dogs taken in at shelter, 57 transported, 1 adopted and 11 holding, and 34 cats taken in at shelter, 6 transported, and 28 holding in July; Mosquito Abatement Program in parish; \$190,000 collected in severance tax for oil, and below \$4,000 collected for timber. In closing, he responded to questions from councilmembers.

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Mr. Cletus Langlois of Patin Engineers & Surveyors gave an update on the Johnson Bayou Drainage Project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux reported on correspondence received from the US Census Bureau announcing plans to launch Census Takers into local communities to collect responses to the 2020 Census in person, beginning August 11, 2020 and concluding no later than October 31, 2020.

Motion by Mr. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Soulier, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman