

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
August 11, 2020

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 11, 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, Kurt Jarreau, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Mr. Charles Watkins.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2020 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of July 14, 2020 regular 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.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

EMPLOYEES ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AWARDS (ANN LEONARD, STEPHANIE PATTERSON & JAMES DAVID)

Parish President Major Thibaut presented employee anniversary service awards to employees James David 10 years, Ann Leonard 15 years and Stephanie Patterson 15 years of dedicated service.

PRESENTATION OF THE POINTE COUPEE QUALITY OF LIFE SURVEY RESULTS

Ms. Jamie McClung, a teacher at Livonia High School, gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Pointe Coupee Quality of Life Survey results that she prepared with recommendations to the parish. Copies were given to each councilmember.

President Thibaut thanked Ms. McClung for her hard work of conducting the survey and preparing the results.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Thibaut gave an overview of the finances including increases in sales tax and gas collections, and possible reduction in the severance tax; Fire District No. 1 received a grant for equipment and training; results of meetings with LA Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Health and Hospital about funding for the sewerage and water districts in the parish; improvements to the M-1 Canal on False River, and drawdown of False River suspended until 2021; vacancies of Constables and Justices of the Peace, because no one qualified in certain districts in July, and council will have to temporarily appoint individuals to fill the vacancies until an election is held in March 2021. In closing, he responded to questions from councilmembers.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED 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, 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, 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 was conducted at 6:24 p.m. at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 11, 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.

Councilmembers Jarreau and Bergeron reported on proposed changes to be made to the ordinance. After discussion, the following resolutions were offered:

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

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendations of Councilman Jarreau, the amendments to 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 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, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Watkins.

On a vote of 7-0-1, the motion carried.

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

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of Councilman Bergeron, an amendment to 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 be accepted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

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

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

NAYS: Mr. Jarreau.

ABSENT: Mr. Watkins.

On a vote of 6-1-1, the motion carried.

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

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

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

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

NAYS: Mr. Jarreau.

ABSENT: Mr. Watkins.

On a vote of 6-1-1, the motion carried.

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

A hearing to obtain public input to 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 was conducted at 6:39 p.m. at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 11, 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. Soulier and seconded by Mr. Bazile:

RESOLVED, 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 be adopted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Watkins.

On a vote of 7-0-1, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 22 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO SUBDIVISIONS; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to reenact Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to subdivisions and to otherwise provide with respect thereto was conducted at 6:40 p.m. at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 11, 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.

Chairman Boudreaux reported on an additional amendment needed to the ordinance to reduce the rear setback lines to 8 ft. for non-habitable buildings pertaining to lots.

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

RESOLVED, That an amendment to a proposed ordinance to reenact Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to subdivisions and to otherwise provide 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, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Watkins.

On a vote of 7-0-1, the motion carried.

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

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to reenact Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to subdivisions and to otherwise provide 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, Soulier, LaCoste, Gaspard and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Watkins.

On a vote of 7-0-1, the motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 16-42 OF ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 16 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO NOISE; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO (PUBLIC HEARING SEPTEMBER 8, 2020)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to reenact Section 16-42 of Article IV of Chapter 16 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to noise 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, September 8, 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.

RECOMMENDATION(S) FROM PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:

APPROVAL OF PLAT SHOWING AYMOND SUBDIVISION LOTS 1 THRU 16 BEING THE RESUBDIVISION OF TRACT C-4-A-3-A AT OSCAR IN SECTIONS 67 & 84, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH & RANGE 10 EAST FOR POINTE PROSPECT, LLC WITH VARIANCE FOR A RADIUS OF 47 FEET

Chairman Boudreaux confirmed, upon review of information in the subdivision ordinance, a variance for a radius of 47 ft. is not needed.

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

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendations of the Pointe Coupee Planning & Zoning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, a preliminary plat showing Aymond Subdivision Lots 1 thru 16 being the resubdivision of Tract C-4-A-3-A located at Oscar in Sections 67 & 84, T5S & R10E for Pointe Prospect, LLC be approved.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Watkins.

On a vote of 7-0-1, the motion carried.

Chairman Boudreaux announced the second recommendation does not need council's approval.

RESOLUTION(S):

APPROVAL TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING UP TO \$8,000 FOR 2020 FOR PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY CSRS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND FRAMEWORK FOR DEVELOPING A ZONING PLAN FOR THE PARISH

Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman Jim Beard and representatives of CSRS gave a brief summary of the proposal submitted by CSRS for developing a zoning plan for the parish.

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

RESOLVED, That appropriation of funding up to \$8,000 for 2020 for proposal submitted by CSRS for implementation and framework to develop a zoning plan for the parish be approved.

Unanimously carried.

President Thibaut reported the above resolution was needed because funds were not placed in the 2020 budget to fund the above plan, and remaining funding will be placed in the 2021 budget.

PROCLAMATION ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCIES FOR CONSTABLE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE IN DISTRICTS 5, 7 & 10

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, no individuals qualified for the elected offices of Constable, Justice of the Peace Districts 5, 7 and 10, Parish of Pointe Coupee, for the Fall Congressional Election scheduled for November 3, 2020, primary, December 5, 2020, general, which qualifying dates were July 22, 23 and 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the failure of anyone to qualify for the elected offices of Constable, Justice of the Peace Districts 5, 7 and 10, Parish of Pointe Coupee, have created anticipated vacancies in the offices and the unexpired term of offices exceeds 18 months.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pointe Coupee Parish Council does hereby issue this Proclamation pursuant to LA R.S. 18:602 ordering a special election to fill the said vacancies in Constable, Justice of the Peace Districts 5, 7 and 10 until a special election can be held on the following dates:

- (1) The Special Primary Election shall be held on March 20, 2021; and
- (2) The Special General Election, if necessary, shall be held on April 24, 2021;
- (3) The dates for qualifying for the candidates in the Special Election shall be January 20, 21 and 22, 2021.

This Proclamation shall be published in the official journal of Pointe Coupee Parish and a copy thereof shall be sent by certified or registered mail to Pointe Coupee Parish Clerk of Court and to the Louisiana Secretary of State as required by law.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR GREGORIO CHAVEZ SIERRA (STOP-N-GO EL PAREJA, 12029 LA HWY. 416, LAKELAND)

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

RESOLVED, That a liquor license for Gregorio Chavez Sierra (Stop-N-Go El Pareja, 12029 LA Hwy. 416, Lakeland) be approved.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL TO ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

President Thibaut gave a brief overview about the need to engage legal services of a special counsel relative to a potential project coming to Pointe Coupee Parish that would have a significant economic benefit to our parish.

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

RESOLVED, That Parish President Major Thibaut be authorized to engage legal services of a special counsel at no cost to the parish.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

There were no announcements, notices, meetings, etc.

Motion by Mr. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Soulier, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman