

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
October 13, 2020

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at the Courthouse Annex in the Parish Council Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER LEVYING INCREASED MILLAGE RATES AFTER REASSESSMENT AND ROLLING FORWARD MILLAGE RATES NOT EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED BY LAW

A hearing to obtain public input from citizens to consider levying increased millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward millage rates not exceeding the maximum authorized by law was conducted at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Chairman Boudreaux introduced Parish Assessor James Laurent, Jr. who gave an overview of the millage rates in the parish, and was available to address any questions from the audience or councilmembers.

There were no objections received from persons in the audience and the public hearing was closed.

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 SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of September 8, 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:

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AWARD (YVONNE CHENEVERT)

Parish President Major Thibaut presented an employee anniversary service award to employee Yvonne Chenevert for 25 years of dedicated service.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TO FAMILY OF THE LATE FORMER POLICE JUROR JOHN "WAYNE" TORRES, SR.

Councilman Jarreau, who served with former Police Juror Wayne Torres on the Police Jury, applauded Mr. Torres for his years of service on the Jury and to his community.

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

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his eternal reward Mr. John "Wayne" Torres, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council with great sorrow and deep sense of loss, take cognizance of the absence of Mr. John "Wayne" Torres, Sr.,

a native of Maringouin and resident of Blanks, Louisiana and Pointe Coupee Parish for 75 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. John “Wayne” Torres, Sr. served as a member of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury in District 11 for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, he has rendered innumerable public service to the Parish and the State of Louisiana, and to the people as a whole: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Pointe Coupee Parish Council does and hereby extends to the family of Mr. John “Wayne” Torres, Sr. this resolution of sympathy in the loss of their loved one.

Unanimously carried.

PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Thibaut gave an overview of the finances including sales tax, severance tax, and gas collections; retirement of two tractor drivers, and advertising for their replacements; purchasing a used dump truck, bush hog and tractor; upcoming meetings with councilmembers to review finances for preparation of the 2021 budget; update on the aftermath of Hurricane Delta and its effect on the parish, and plans for cleanup and debris removal throughout the parish. He commended everyone for working together after the storm to clean and service the parish. In closing, he responded to questions from councilmembers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE II OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO GRASS, NOXIOUS WEEDS, DEBRIS AND TRASH; 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 16, Article II of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to grass, noxious weeds, debris and trash; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto was conducted at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 13, 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. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Bergeron:

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 16, Article II of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to grass, noxious weeds, debris and trash; 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. Gaspard, LaCoste, Soulier, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Watkins.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO ENACT CHAPTER 25 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO MOBILE HOME PARKS; 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 25 of the Pointe Coupee

Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to mobile home parks; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto was conducted at 6:01 p.m., Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Chairman Boudreaux commented on additional changes made to the ordinance to include Section 25-5 relative to adding mobile homes to existing mobile home parks, recommended by the building official.

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

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

RESOLVED, That the amendments to a proposed ordinance to enact Chapter 25 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to mobile home parks; 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, Jarreau, Soulier, LaCoste, Gaspard and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Watkins.

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

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

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to enact Chapter 25 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to mobile home parks; 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, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Watkins.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO ENACT CHAPTER 26 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO TRAIL RIDES; 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 26 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to trail rides; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto was conducted at 6:06 p.m., Tuesday, October 13, 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. Gaspard:

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to enact Chapter 26 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to trail rides; 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 A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 22-8 OF ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 22 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE

OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO FEES FOR MINOR, STANDARD, MAJOR & VARIANCES FOR PLATS RELATIVE 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 amend and reenact Section 22-8 of Article III of Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to fees for minor, standard, major & variances for plats relative to subdivisions; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto was conducted at 6:07 p.m., Tuesday, October 13, 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 a proposed ordinance to amend and reenact Section 22-8 of Article III of Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to fees for minor, standard, major & variances for plats relative to subdivisions; 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. Gaspard, LaCoste, Soulier, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Watkins.

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

ADOPT THE ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATE(S)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1

RESOLVED, That the Parish Council of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on October 13, 2020, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following **adjusted** millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2020, for the purpose of raising revenue:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
Parish Tax	3.40 mills
Parish Tax in Town of Livonia	3.40 mills
Parish Tax in City of New Roads	1.70 mills
Fire District No. 1 (Maintenance & Operations)	2.98 mills
Fire District No. 1 (Acquisitions & Maintenance)	3.50 mills
Fire District No. 2 (Maintenance & Operations)	3.64 mills
Fire District No. 5	5.06 mills
Library Maintenance Tax	4.00 mills

;and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Assessor of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2020 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

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

NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Mr. Watkins.
On a vote of 7-0-0-1, the motion carried.

SET FORTH THE ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATE(S) AND ROLL FORWARD TO MILLAGE RATE(S) NOT EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED RATE(S)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2

RESOLVED, That the Parish Council of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on October 13, 2020, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year’s maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2020, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rate(s) are:

	<u>Adjusted Rate</u>	<u>2020 Levy</u>
Parish Tax	3.40 mills	3.42 mills
Parish Tax in Town of Livonia	3.40 mills	3.42 mills
Parish Tax in City of New Roads	1.70 mills	1.71 mills
Fire District No. 1 (Maintenance & Operations)	2.98 mills	2.99 mills
Fire District No. 1 (Acquisitions & Maintenance)	3.50 mills	3.51 mills
Fire District No. 2 (Maintenance & Operations)	3.64 mills	3.64 mills
Fire District No. 2 (Additional Funding)		1.35 mills
Fire District No. 3 (Maintenance & Operations)		2.97 mills
Fire District No. 3 (Additional Funding)		3.00 mills
Fire District No. 4		10.91 mills
Fire District No. 5	5.06 mills	5.06 mills
Library Maintenance Tax	4.00 mills	4.03 mills
Sewerage District No. 3A		18.85 mills
Water District No. 1		4.52 mills

;and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Assessor of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2020 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B). The votes were:

YEAS: Messrs. Bergeron, Bazile, Jarreau, Soulier, LaCoste, Gaspard and Boudreaux.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Mr. Watkins.
On a vote of 7-0-0-1, the motion carried.

ADOPT OTHER AUTHORIZED MILLAGES OR TAXES

Secretary Martin announced the other authorized millages or taxes reflect bond issues for Sewerage District No. 3A and Waterworks District No. 1 millages, which had no changes in their millages and were included and adopted in the above resolution.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 25 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO MOBILE HOMES REGULATIONS; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO (PUBLIC HEARING NOVEMBER 10, 2020)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 25 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to mobile homes regulations; 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, November 10, 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.

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO HOSTING SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Ordinance was not available for introduction.

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CREATING CONSOLIDATED SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF PC PARISH & PROVIDING FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF TWO OR MORE EXISTING SEWERAGE DISTRICTS INTO THE NEWLY CREATED CONSOLIDATED SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 1, AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO (PUBLIC HEARING NOVEMBER 10, 2020)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances creating consolidated Sewerage District No. 1 of Pointe Coupee Parish and providing for the consolidation of two or more existing sewerage districts into the newly created consolidated Sewerage District No.1; and further providing 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, November 10, 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):

REAPPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE CAPITAL AREA GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Jens Aubin “J. A.” Rummler be reappointed to serve as a member of the Capital Area Groundwater Conservation Commission for a four-year term.

Unanimously carried

APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR AND ALTERNATE DIRECTOR FOR LA MUNICIPAL NATURAL GAS PURCHASING & DISTRIBUTION AUTHORITY

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

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR AND AN ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO REPRESENT THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL NATURAL GAS PURCHASING AND

DISTRIBUTION AUTHORITY AS PROVIDED BY CHAPTER
10-B OF TITLE 33 OF THE LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES
OF 1950.

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Government, State of Louisiana, has previously become a member of the Authority in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4546.2 of the Act, the governing authority of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, desires to approve the appointment of Mr. Nathan Cobb to serve as a Director of the Authority and to approve the appointment of Mr. John Lindsly to serve as an alternate Director to act in the absence of the director herein above named: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the governing authority of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, acting in such capacity:

SECTION 1. That, pursuant to the Act, the appointment of Mr. Nathan Cobb to serve as a Director of the Authority for a term of four (4) years from the date hereof is approved and that the appointment of Mr. John Lindsly to serve as an alternate Director, for like term, to act in the absence of the director is approved.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Unanimously carried.

SET TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS IN THE RURAL AREAS OF THE PARISH

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

RESOLVED, That the hours for trick-or-treat be set from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2020 in the rural areas of the parish for children 12 years old and under.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced the next Executive Committee meeting will be October 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., which will be the last meeting of the year. He reminded everyone there will be no Executive Committee meetings in the months of November & December, due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays.

Motion by Mr. Jarreau and seconded by Mr. Bazile, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman