

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
March 9, 2021**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, 2021, 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, Edwin Soulier, Sidney LaCoste, Kurt Jarreau, Edward Bazile, Charles Watkins, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2021 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of February 9, 2021 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:

PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AWARDS TO BECKY MAYEUX, JONATHAN BOONE & WILFRED ST. ROMAIN

Parish President Major Thibaut presented employee anniversary service awards to employees Jonathan Boone 15 years and Becky Mayeux 20 years of dedicated service. Employee Wilfred St. Romain was unable to attend the meeting, and his award will be presented at a later date.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

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

**PROCLAMATION
AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross has touched many lives in Pointe Coupee Parish, as well as across the country and around the world; and

WHEREAS, during American Red Cross Month, we thank those who contribute to the mission of the Red Cross, whether through time, money or blood, and we invite others to support the Red Cross in helping people in need down the street, across the country and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is synonymous with helping people, and has been doing so for more than 130 years. Throughout the past year, the American Red Cross launched hundreds of disaster relief operations in the United States to help people affected by fires, floods, hurricanes and tornadoes. The American Red Cross also supported major international disasters, including the Japan earthquake and tsunami response, while continuing its work on the 2010 Haiti earthquake response and recovery; and

WHEREAS, in Pointe Coupee Parish, the Red Cross works tirelessly through its employees and volunteers to support us when disaster strikes, when someone needs life-saving blood, or the comfort of a helping hand. It provides 24-hour support to members of the military, veterans and their families, and provides training in CPR, aquatics safety and first aid; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 100 years, United States presidents have called on the American people to support the Red Cross and its humanitarian mission. Our community depends on the American Red Cross and because it is not a government agency, the Red Cross depends on support from the public to continue its humanitarian work. This is especially important in these challenging economic times - which impact the Red Cross and many people in our community and across the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DUSTIN BOUDREAUX, Chairman of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Parish of Pointe Coupee and the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim the month of **March 2021**, as **AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH** and do hereby urge all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

Unanimously carried.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Thibaut gave updates on the finances including the sales tax and gas collections; position available for an equipment operator (tractor driver), and will begin interviews this week; and update on a watershed drainage project in the northern part of the parish.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR LA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CORONAVIRUS (LCDBG-CV) HVAC IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

A hearing to obtain public input and views on the community development needs of the parish, and to discuss the submission of an application for funding under the State of Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (LCDBG-CV) HVAC Improvements Program was conducted at 5:42 p.m., Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

There were no objections received orally or written, and the public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 25-4 OF CHAPTER 25 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR MOBILE HOME PARKS

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Section 25-4 of Chapter 25 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to minimum standards for Mobile Home Parks; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:44 p.m., Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Chairman Boudreaux announced an amendment was made to Section 25-5 pertaining to adding Mobile Homes to existing Mobile Home Parks.

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

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

RESOLVED, That an amendment to a proposed ordinance to amend Sections 25-4 and 25-5 of Chapter 25 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to minimum standards for Mobile Home Parks, and adding mobile homes to existing 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. 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. Jarreau and seconded by Mr. Bazile:

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend Sections 25-4 and 25-5 of Chapter 25 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to minimum standards for Mobile Home Parks, and adding mobile homes to existing 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. Bergeron, Bazile, Jarreau, Watkins, Soulier, LaCoste, Gaspard and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 25 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO MOBILE HOME REGULATIONS

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Section 25-1 (B) of Chapter 25 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to definitions for Mobile Home Regulations; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:46 p.m., Tuesday, March 9, 2021 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.

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

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

RESOLVED, That an amendment to a proposed ordinance to amend Section 25-1 (B) of Chapter 25 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to definitions for Mobile Home Regulations; 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, 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. Watkins:

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend Section 25-1 (B) of Chapter 25 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to definitions for Mobile Home Regulations; 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, Watkins, Soulier, LaCoste, Gaspard and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES
RELATIVE TO ENACT CHAPTER 26, PERTAINING TO SOLAR FARMS

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to enact Chapter 26 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to Solar Farms; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:49 p.m., Tuesday, March 9, 2021 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.

Mr. Greg LaCour of 6228 False River Road at Oscar commented that he was in favor of the ordinance.

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

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

RESOLVED, That the amendments to a proposed ordinance to enact Chapter 26 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to Solar Farms; 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, 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. Gaspard:

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to enact Chapter 26 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to Solar Farms; 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, Watkins, Soulier, LaCoste, Gaspard and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

President Thibaut thanked the council for their participation and approval of the ordinance.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES
RELATIVE TO AMENDING & RE-ORDAIN THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT
PERSONNEL MANUAL (PUBLIC HEARING APRIL 13, 2021)

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, pertaining to amending & re-ordain the Pointe Coupee Parish Government Personnel Manual 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, April 13, 2021 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.

RESOLUTIONS:

RECOMMEND FOUR (4) CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT OF TWO (2) CANDIDATES BY THE GOVERNOR TO SERVE ON THE CAPITAL AREA HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT

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

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Council recommends the nomination of Mmes Laverne Aguillard, Gail Hurst, Kellie Bertrand and Cherie Cazayoux of Pointe Coupee Parish for two (2) appointments by Governor John Edwards to serve as members of the Capital Area Human Services District (CAHSD).

Unanimously carried.

ADOPT THE LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE 2020 AUDIT

No action by council was needed on this matter.

AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN AGREEMENTS WITH LA DOTD FOR STATE PROJECT NO. H.013956 - BEAMON ROAD BRIDGE OVER BAYOU MARINGOUIN

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Major Thibaut, Parish President, be authorized to execute agreements between the Parish of Pointe Coupee and LA Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) for Beamon Road Bridge over Bayou Maringouin (State Project No. H.013956).

Unanimously carried.

SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL:

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO FIRE BOARD(S)

Chairman Boudreaux reported on a vacancy that exists, due to resignation of a member of the board for Fire District No. 3. He asked the council to consider one of the four (4) remaining letters and names submitted in December to appoint a new member, instead of readvertising in the official journal.

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

WHEREAS, That the four (4) letters submitted by Messrs. Frank Bonds, John Lindsly, Jr., Cole Peers and Ms. Lorie Watson to fill one (1) vacancy for appointment to the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 3 be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Frank Bonds be appointed to serve as a member of the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 3 for a two-year term.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

There were no announcements, notices, meetings, etc.

Motion by Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Jarreau, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.