

**MINUTES**  
**POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**March 23, 2021**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council Executive Committee met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, 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, Sidney LaCoste, Edwin Soulier, Charles Watkins, Kurt Jarreau, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: None.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2021 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of February 23, 2021 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 MATTERS PERTAINING TO COVID-19

Mr. Jonathan Stoute of 1071 Crochet Street, Morganza discussed matters pertaining to COVID-19. He voiced concerns about wearing masks and vaccinations, and the care for the children and elderly persons in the parish as it relates to COVID.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A GROUP HOME IN DELTA PLACE SUBDIVISION

Mrs. Margaret Griffin, representing the residents and homeowners of Delta Place Subdivision at New Roads, voiced objections and concerns about the proposed development of a therapeutic group home in their subdivision by Perpetual Properties, LLC (9193 Delta Place Road, New Roads). She read and presented the legal restrictions for the subdivision as it relates to only developing residences. She reported on obtaining a police report from January 2020 thru

January 2021 citing 57 incidents where officers were dispatched at the current group home located at 8566 Bayou Run Subdivision at New Roads. In closing, she presented a signed petition from the residents and homeowners opposing the development of the group home in their subdivision.

Chairman Boudreaux, Parish President Major Thibaut, and other councilmembers commented on this matter and concluded, due to no zoning restrictions and ordinances in the parish related to this matter, the council is limited to controlling and preventing the home from being developed.

In closing, Councilman Jarreau suggested a letter be sent to LA Department of Hospitals from the council regarding the concerns presented by the residents and homeowners of Delta Place Subdivision, and the issuance of a license for the proposed group home.

#### DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE SECOND AMENDMENT & RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

Mr. Travis Saizan of 13979 Ventress Road, Ventress appeared before the council to request a proposed ordinance be developed relative to the Second Amendment and the right to bear arms. He reported about safe guarding their Second Amendment Rights through legislation of the local governing body. He commented on a massive movement that has begun throughout the country in the form of Second Amendment sanctuaries and he stated the amendment clears the right to keep and bear arms that shall not be infringed upon.

Chairman Boudreaux commented on this matter and reported on a legal opinion received. After discussion, the council will review this matter further.

#### DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ADOPTED PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL

Chairman Boudreaux reported on a proposed ordinance relative to amending the adopted Personnel Policy Manual that was introduced at the last council meeting.

Parish President Thibaut commented on the amendments being proposed to the Personnel Policy Manual, and respond to questions from members.

A public hearing and proposed adoption of the ordinance will be held at the council meeting on April 13, 2021.

#### PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT/DEPARMENT UPDATES

Parish President Thibaut gave updates on the following:

Johnson Bayou Drainage Project, Roads Rehabilitation Program will begin in April, upgrades to the gas system, and receiving new equipment in public works in April; recreational programs at

PC Rec; a total of 46 residential and commercial permits were issued in February; Courthouse and Courthouse Annex Improvements Projects, replacement of the HVAC at the Courthouse Annex, beautification and landscaping at the Courthouse, and modifications to building purchased on Hospital Road; plats and variances approved by Planning & Zoning Commission; review of the ordinance relative to No Wake Zones on False River, and the Sheriff and Wildlife & Fisheries will increase patrols on False River and other canals; and reviewed additional amendments needed to the Subdivision Ordinance relative to the approval of plats; and Federal Reserve Plan and funds being allocated to the parish. In closing, he responded to questions from members.

PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING LITIGATIONS AND LAWSUITS: (1) POINTE COUPEE PARISH VS. ORKIN PEST CONTROL, CASE NO. 49860, DIV. D, 18<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, STATE OF LOUISIANA; (2) JEANPIERRE, ET AL VS. POINTE COUPEE PARISH, CASE NO. 50061, DIV. B, 18<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, STATE OF LOUISIANA AND (3) AMY THREETON VS. POINTE COUPEE PARISH, ET AL, CASE NO. 50209, DIV. D, 18<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, STATE OF LOUISIANA

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

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee convene in executive session at 6:09 p.m. to discuss updates regarding the following litigations and lawsuits: (1) Pointe Coupee Parish vs. Orkin Pest Control, Case No. 49860, Div. D, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana; (2) Jeanpierre, et al vs. Pointe Coupee Parish, Case No. 50061, Div. B, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana; (3) Amy Threton vs. Pointe Coupee Parish, et al, Case No. 50209, Div. D, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana.

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.

#### OPEN SESSION

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

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee return to open session at 7:21 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Parish President Thibaut announced there will be upcoming COVID-19 vaccine sites available in the parish.

Parish President Thibaut commended and congratulated Mrs. Gail Hurst, who was recently recognized for a prestigious award for her community service and contributions to Pointe Coupee Parish.

On behalf of The Pointe Coupee Banner and recognition of February as Women's History Month, Mrs. Hurst made a presentation to Council Clerk Gerrie Martin in honor of her 40th year anniversary in February as an employee with the parish.

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mr. Gaspard, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Gerrie P. Martin  
Council Clerk

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Dustin Boudreaux  
Chairman