

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
May 25, 2021

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council Executive Committee met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, 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. Paul Bergeron, Edward Bazile, Kurt Jarreau, Dustin Boudreaux, Charles Watkins, Edwin Soulier, Sidney LaCoste and Jimmie Gaspard.

ABSENT: None.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2021 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of April 27, 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.

HOPE MINISTRIES OF BATON ROUGE

President and CEO Janet Simmons of Hope Ministries of Baton Rouge appeared before the council to introduced The Way to Work (TWTW) Program that they will be locating in the parish.

DISCUSSION OF THE REMOVAL OF THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FROM THE NOISE ORDINANCE

Mr. Jude Glaser, owner of the Sand Bar on False River, appeared before the council to discuss the removal of the special event permit from the Noise Ordinance. He asked the council's consideration of amending the ordinance to include the special event permit for three major holidays, Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day, and two additional events. He questioned the decibel level from Friday to Saturday between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and

7:00 a.m., which is a 60 dba (normal speaking voice) and asked the council to consider increasing the decibels level for this time period. Chairman Boudreaux gave a brief summary of the amendments made to the ordinance in 2019 & 2020.

In closing, Mr. Glaser asked the council to consider raising the 60 & 90 decibels level and distance the measurements are taken.

DISCUSSION OF APPRAISALS & SALE OF PROPERTIES ON CLEVELAND STREET & BALL PARK ROAD IN FORDOCHE

Parish President Major Thibaut reported on a parish owned recreation park that is not being utilized in Fordoche, and discussed the appraisals received for said properties on Cleveland Street and Ball Park Road. He reported the properties are no longer needed for parish use, and recommend they be sold. He commented on the revenues being used for future maintenance and improvements to recreation, and partner with the Town of Fordoche for improvements to their recreation park. He noted an ordinance will be needed to proceed with the sale of the properties.

Councilman Jarreau voiced his support of the sale and putting the funds into the recreation program.

DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 3 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO PERMITS FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Chairman Boudreaux and Parish President Thibaut commented on the proposed ordinance to amend and reenact Chapter 3 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to permits for the sale of alcoholic beverages in the parish. A public hearing and proposed adoption of the ordinance will be held at the council meeting on June 11, 2021.

DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ORDAIN CHAPTER 6 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND PARAGRAPH E OF SECTION 6-27, PERTAINING TO THE PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES OVER FALSE RIVER

Chairman Boudreaux and Parish President Thibaut commented on the proposed ordinance to amend and re-ordain Chapter 6 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances to amend Paragraph E of Section 6-27, pertaining to the permit for the construction of buildings and other structures over False River. The amendment is including a permit fee of \$75. A public hearing and proposed adoption of the ordinance will be held at the council meeting on June 11, 2021.

A DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 22 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO SUBDIVISIONS APPLICATIONS

Chairman Boudreaux and Administrator Sal Genusa gave an overview of the proposed ordinance to amend and reenact Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to subdivisions applications. A public hearing and proposed adoption of the ordinance will be held at the council meeting on June 11, 2021.

DISCUSSION OF SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO VARIANCE REQUEST FOR SETBACKS PERTAINING TO LOTS ON FALSE RIVER, AND LOT SIZE

Chairman Boudreaux discussed the Subdivision Ordinance relative to variance request for setbacks pertaining to lots on False River, and possible need to amend the ordinance to prevent issuance of variances.

Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman Jim Beard gave a summary of the large request for issuance of variances, and granting variances for lots on False River by the commission.

Chairman Boudreaux and the committee agreed to review the ordinance to include language where no variances would be required and no appeals would be warranted.

The committee commended the Planning & Zoning Commission for their hard work and dedication to the parish.

Chairman Boudreaux commented on lot sizes and concerns about future development of subdivisions with small lots. There were lengthy discussions on this matter.

Public Works Director Nathan Cobb commented on the Subdivision Ordinance having been amended to address development of subdivisions in the parish.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT/DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Parish President Thibaut gave updates on the following:

Recreation programs and improvements at PC Rec; issuance of electrical/building permits; Courthouse Annex Building #2 renovations, and the relocation of the Registrar of Voters and New Roads Police Department into the building owned by the parish on Hospital Road; False River water level is 18.3 and will open at 17.5; a bill passed in the legislature pertaining to the fire districts in the parish; Capital Outlay Funding and grants to fund drainage improvements projects, HVAC for Courthouse and Detention Center, replacement of bridge on Dickinson Road, and other bridge repairs in the parish; and improvements made to the gas system.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced that the Planning and Zoning Commission has approved the proposed zoning maps, which will be presented to the council for their review and approval.

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He announced the parish office will be closed Monday, May 31, 2021 for the Memorial Day Holiday.

President Thibaut announced that there will be a blessing of the boats on Old River on Sunday, May 30, 2021.

Motion by Mr. Soulier and seconded by Mr. LaCoste, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin – Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux - Chairman