

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
June 8, 2021

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, 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.

APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 11 & 25, 2021 MEETINGS

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of May 11, 2021 regular meeting and May 25, 2021 special meeting of the Parish Council be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

RESOLVED, That the agenda be amended for inclusion of the following:

- Resolution to place a moratorium on the development of new major subdivisions.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AWARD TO DALE HOWARD

Presentation of service award was tabled.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Thibaut gave updates on the finances, including sales tax and gas collections; hired an employee to fill position at the Animal Shelter; Capital Outlay funding for improvements to the detention center and courthouse, submitting a grant application to fund a new HVAC system for the detention center and received funds from the COVID American Rescue Act Plan. In closing, he responded to questions from council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

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

A hearing to obtain public input to 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, and further providing with respect thereto was conducted at 5:41 p.m., Tuesday, June 8, 2021 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. Soulier:

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 3 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to permits for the sale of alcoholic beverages, and further providing 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, Boudreaux, Watkins, Soulier, LaCoste and Gaspard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

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

A hearing to obtain public input to 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, and to further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:43 p.m., Tuesday, June 8, 2021 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 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, and to further 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, Watkins, Boudreaux, Jarreau, Bazile and Bergeron.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 8-0-0, 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 APPLICATIONS, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend and reenact Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to subdivisions applications, and further providing with respect thereto was conducted at 5:44 p.m., Tuesday, June 8, 2021 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 gave an explanation about an additional proposed amendment included in the ordinance to Section 22-19(c) regarding an increase in the building setback lines on lots.

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

RESOLVED, That an amendment to a proposed ordinance to amend and reenact Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to subdivisions applications, and further providing 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, Boudreaux, Watkins, Soulier, LaCoste and Gaspard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

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

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend and reenact Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to subdivisions applications, and further providing 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, Watkins, Boudreaux, Jarreau, Bazile and Bergeron.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE SALE OF PARISH PROPERTIES ON CLEVELAND STREET & BALL PARK ROAD AT FORDOCHE (PUBLIC HEARING JULY 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, with regards to declare property surplus on Cleveland Street & Ball Park Road (Lot X & Lot Y of Simmonds No. 2 Subdivision) at Fordoche and authorize the disposition thereof, 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, July 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.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO DESCRIBING THE PRECINCT BOUNDARIES FOR THE PC PARISH COUNCIL AND ASSIGNING POLLING LOCATIONS. (PUBLIC HEARING JULY 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, relative to describing the precinct boundaries for the Pointe Coupee Parish Council and assigning polling locations, and providing further 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, July 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.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO ZONING AND MAPS IN THE PARISH (PUBLIC HEARING JULY 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, relative to zoning and maps in the parish 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, July 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:

APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE TOURIST COMMISSION

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

RESOLVED, That the appointment of a member to the Pointe Coupee Parish Tourist Commission be tabled for further review.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION TO PLACE A MORATORIUM ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW MAJOR SUBDIVISIONS

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

RESOLVED, That a moratorium be placed on the development of any new major subdivisions until the zoning ordinance is considered by the council.

Unanimously carried.

SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL:

APPROVAL TO USE THE TENNIS COURTS AT PC REC FOR PICKLE BALL

Mr. Jodie Cotton gave a brief overview of pickle ball, and requested approval of the council to use the tennis courts at PC Rec for pickle ball. After discussion, Recreation Manager Paul Armond commented on utilizing the second basketball courts for pickle ball, instead of the tennis courts.

APPEAL FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE CONDEMNATION AND REMOVAL OF THE DANGEROUS ABANDONED STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 13729 HWY. 416, ROUGON, LOUISIANA (PARCEL #00533630)

Mr. Charles Young appeared before the council to request an extension of time until the end of the year to repair the west side and remove the east side of the condemned and abandoned structure located at 13729 Hwy. 416, Rougon, Louisiana (Parcel #00533630).

Mr. Young was informed that the council has been granting extensions of 90 days at a time to monitor the owner's progress.

At the request of the council, Certified Building Official Tommy Leonard commented on certain building code guidelines Mr. Young should follow if he decides to utilize and repair the building, or otherwise, meet the conditions of being a safe non-condemnable structure.

President Thibaut reported the building needs to meet the criteria of not being a condemnable structure, and a danger to the public. He stated that traditionally the council grants a 90-day extension, and thereafter, inspections of the condition of the structures are performed.

After discussion, the following resolution was offered:

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Charles Young be granted a 90-day extension of time to remove the east side and repair the west side of the condemned and abandoned structure located at 13729 Hwy. 416, Rougon, Louisiana.

Unanimously carried.

UPDATES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATIVE TO COVID-19

Mr. Jonathan Stoute of 1071 Crochet Street, Morganza, Louisiana appeared before the council to voice his concerns, give updates and present additional data as it relates to COVID-19.

DISCUSSION OF FALSE RIVER RELATIVE TO RIVER LEVEL, WAKE SURFING AND NO WAKE ZONES

Parish President Thibaut gave a PowerPoint presentation about the operations and history of False River relative to the river level, wake surfing and no wake zones. He commented on possibly evaluating the river level in the future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

There were no announcements, notices, meetings, etc.

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mr. Watkins, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman