

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
April 27, 2021

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council Executive Committee met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at the Courthouse Annex in the Parish Council Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

Chairman Boudreaux extended condolences and sympathy to the family of Mr. Larry Campbell, who passed away. He was the brother of Councilman Edward Bazile.

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, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Messrs. Kurt Jarreau and Edward Bazile.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2021 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of March 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 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 25, SECTION 25-3 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO MOBILE HOMES AND PERMIT FEES

Chairman Boudreaux gave an overview of the proposed amendments to Chapter 25, Section 25-3 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to mobile homes and establishing permit fees of \$75 per mobile home to place a home, and \$500 to establish a mobile home park, plus \$1.50 for each mobile home lot or space.

In response to councilman Bergeron, Mrs. Jeanne Hendrix reported the above fees were consistent with two neighboring parishes.

A public hearing and proposed adoption of the ordinance will be held at the council meeting on May 11, 2021.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NO WAKE ZONES ORDINANCE

Chairman Boudreaux discussed proposed amendments to the No Wake Zones Ordinance resulting from a presentation by Mr. Stephen Bordelon at the last council meeting noting concerns about the no wake zones in False River. He reported on clarification needed to address whether the distance should be from any physical structure or along the banks of False River, which he suggested along the banks.

The committee, Parish President Major Thibaut and Attorney Stephen Jewell commented on the need to amend and clarify some of the language in the ordinance to include the distance from along the banks of False River, and thereafter, enforce the no wake zones. It was confirmed that the sheriff and LA Department of Wildlife & Fisheries will increase their patrols of False River to enforce the no wake zones.

DISCUSSION OF LEGAL COUNSEL(S) FOR POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT

Chairman Boudreaux discussed legal counsel for the parish government, which at the last council meeting a resolution was approved to hire a special counsel, Attorney James Beatty, Jr., to research and craft an ordinance relative to the Second Amendment and the right to bear arms. Chairman Boudreaux read Section 4:07 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Charter noting all contracts hiring special counsel has to be submitted and approved by the council.

President Thibaut reported that the district attorney appoints an attorney for the parish, which is Attorney Stephen Jewell. He reported on March 13, 2012 the Pointe Coupee Police Jury approved contract with Attorney Dannie Garrett as a special counsel, which was recently amended to negotiate from an hourly rate to a flat rate fee monthly.

After discussion, this matter will be placed on the agenda for the council meeting in May.

DISCUSSION OF MOBILE HOME PARKS REGULATIONS

Certified Building Official Tommy Leonard reported on a request relative to an existing mobile home park where the owner wants to remove a RV and replace it with a mobile home. He asked for clarification as to whether the owner has to conform to the regulations of the Mobile Home Park Ordinance, which the park was developed prior to the ordinance being adopted.

After discussion, Parish President Thibaut, CBO Leonard and Administrator Sal Genusa will develop a policy regarding this matter for review and approval by the council.

DISCUSSION OF SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE

President Thibaut gave an overview of the proposed amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance

that includes: 1) setting a 90-day deadline for approved plats/maps to be recorded in the Clerk of Court office; 2) when a lot being subdivided from a tract exceeding five acres it will be treated as a minor subdivision; 3) only notify adjacent property owners to tracts being subdivided; and 4) allow administration the discretion to grant exception to place contour lines on maps/plats on False River.

Administrator Gensua and Parish President Thibaut commented on an appeal that will be presented to the council at their meeting in May regarding a variance request made to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT/DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Parish President Thibaut gave updates on the following:

Recreation programs at PC Rec; issuance of 40 electrical/building permits; complaints for solid waste and bulky waste collections; public works projects; three employees hired, a tractor driver and two laborers; Pecan Island Bridge Replacement Project; upgrades to the gas system; meeting May 11, 2021 at 4 p.m. with Congressman Garrett Graves and Corps of Engineers regarding the Johnson Bayou Pumping Station; cruise ships docking at the old ferry landing; Planning & Zoning Commission hosting public meetings May 4 - 6, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in Innis, Livonia and New Roads to present the proposed zoning district map and ordinance; False River water level is 17.6 and will open at 17.5 following inspections by the sheriff and wildlife & fisheries; meeting will be held with contractors to review procedures for construction of piers and bulkheads along False River, councilmembers invited to graduation ceremony for police officers who completed the academy today at the Scott Civic Center 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.; and appraisals received for the sale of properties on Cleveland Street & Ball Park Road (including the recreation park) at Fordoche.

President Thibaut reported on a customer being double billed on their utility bill by the parish and a water district for 10 years, and the past practice is to reimburse for three (3) years. After discussion, the committee agreed to draft a resolution to establish a policy for reimbursement of three (3) years for approval of the council.

President Thibaut voiced concerns about matters of the Tourist Commission that will be addressed at a later date.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

There were no announcements, etc.

Motion by Mr. Soulier and seconded by Mr. Watkins, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin – Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux - Chairman