

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
August 10, 2021

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 10, 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.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2021 & AUGUST 4, 2021 MEETINGS

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of July 13, 2021 regular meeting and August 4, 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. Soulier:

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

- Resolution to authorize the parish to apply for the CARES Act, CDBG-CV Love Louisiana Outdoors Fund.

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.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITIONS TO LEON DIXON, SR. IN HONOR OF HIS 103RD BIRTHDAY & FAMILY OF THE LATE ELIE PART, CONSTABLE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DISTRICT 8 FOR 12 YEARS OF SERVICE

Parish President Major Thibaut presented a Certificate of Recognition to Mr. Leon Dixon, Sr. in honor of his 103rd birthday. On behalf of Mr. Dixon, the certificate was received by his son, Mr. Marvin Dixon.

Parish President Thibaut presented a Certificate of Recognition to the family of the late Mr. Elie Part, Constable, Justice of the Peace District 8 for 12 years of service. The certificate was received by his daughter, Mrs. Marie Lindsly.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TO FAMILY OF THE LATE CONSTABLE ELIE PART

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

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his eternal reward Mr. Elie James Part; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Elie James Part was a native and resident of New Roads and Pointe Coupee Parish for 72 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Part served as Constable, Justice of the Peace District 8, Parish of Pointe Coupee from January 1, 2009 through July 20, 2021 for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, his presence will be sadly missed by his family and friends: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Pointe Coupee Parish Council does and hereby offer our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Mr. Elie Part and this resolution of sympathy in the loss of their loved one.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION OF GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1

Parish President Thibaut discussed the terms expired for the five (5) commissioners of the Pointe Coupee Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 1, and the need to reappoint current or appoint new commissioners. After discussion, the council will discuss this matter further at their Executive Committee meeting this month.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO THE SECOND AMENDMENT AND RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to the Second Amendment and right to bear arms, and further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:43 p.m., Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Messrs. Travis Saizon and Lance Moore of Ventress, and Kenneth Litton of Batchelor expressed their support of the adoption of the ordinance.

Mmes Leola Bellazzin and Sylvia Williams of New Roads, and Sandy Saye of Batchelor expressed their objections to the adoption of the ordinance.

Upon comments from council, the public hearing was closed and the following resolution was offered:

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

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to the Second Amendment and right to bear arms, and 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. Bergeron, Jarreau, Watkins, Soulier, LaCoste, Gaspard and Boudreaux.

NAYS: Mr. Bazile.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 7-1-0, the motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF DRAWDOWN OF FALSE RIVER BY LA WILDLIFE & FISHERIES

Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries (LDWF) Biologist Manager Brian Heimann appeared before the council to discuss the drawdown of False River by LDWF that will commence after Labor Day in September thru January 2022. He gave a PowerPoint presentation detailing the drawdown.

PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Parish President Thibaut gave updates on the finances, including sales tax collections & gas collections, applying for a LCDBG grant for the recreation department, the finance director will be scheduling meetings with the councilmembers to review amendments to the 2021 budget and

preparation of the 2022 budget, which will be finalized in October.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE III OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO CREATE THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH ZONING CODE, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 17, Article III of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to create the Pointe Coupee Parish Zoning Code, and to further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 6:42 p.m., Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Mr. Steve Villavaso of Ventress commented on the ordinance relative to mobile homes and property located in Ventress.

Mr. Jacques LaCour of Batchelor commented on the ordinance.

Mr. Mark Goodson of CSRS, Inc. made brief comments on the proposed ordinance and maps that were prepared by his agency.

Councilman Bergeron commented on amendments made to the ordinance.

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

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

RESOLVED, That an amendment to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 17, Article III of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to create the Pointe Coupee Parish Zoning Code, 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. 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. Bazile:

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 17, Article III of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to create the Pointe Coupee Parish Zoning Code, 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. Bergeron, Bazile, Jarreau, Watkins, Soulier, LaCoste, Gaspard and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Chairman Boudreaux and President Thibaut thanked everyone who were involved with the development of the zoning code for the parish.

RECOMMENDATION(S) FROM PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:

APPROVE PLAT SHOWING SUBDIVISION OF TRACT M-2-A OF LOT 9-A OF THE PARTITION OF LOT 2 OF THE LOWER PORTION OF VALVERDA PLANTATION INTO TRACTS M-2-A-1 & M-2-A-2 (PETE GLASER SUBD.) LOCATED OFF OF LA HWY. 977 AT MARINGOUIN IN SECTION 61, T6S & R9E FOR JERRY MARSH, PENDING THERE ARE NO SUBDIVISION RESTRICTIONS TO PROHIBIT SUBDIVISION OF THE LOT

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

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission, a plat showing subdivision of Tract M-2-A of Lot 9-A of the partition of Lot 2 of the lower portion of Valverda Plantation into Tracts M-2-A-1 & M-2-A-2 (Pete Glaser Subd.) located off of LA Hwy. 977 at Maringouin in Section 61, T6S & R9E for Jerry Marsh be approved, pending there are no subdivision restrictions to prohibit subdivision of the lot.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE PLAT SHOWING SUBDIVISION OF LOT 3 OF LORIO ACRES SUBDIVISION INTO LOT 3-A & LOT 3-B LOCATED OFF OF LA HWY. 1 AT LAKELAND IN SECTION 72, T5S & R10E FOR MIKE DUHON, PENDING THERE ARE NO SUBDIVISION RESTRICTIONS TO PROHIBIT SUBDIVISION OF THE LOT

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

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission, a plat showing subdivision of Lot 3 of Lorio Acres Subdivision into Lot 3-A & Lot 3-B located off of LA Hwy. 1 at Lakeland in Section 72, T5S & R10E for Mike Duhon be approved, pending there are not subdivision restrictions to prohibit subdivision of the lot.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE PLAT SHOWING SUBDIVISION OF LOT F INTO LOT F-1 & LOT F-2 MOREL JARREAU SUBDIVISION LOCATED OFF OF LA HWY. 1 AT NEW ROADS IN SECTION 57, T5S & R10E FOR JOSEPH RICKY DAVID, PENDING THERE ARE NO SUBDIVISION RESTRICTIONS TO PROHIBIT SUBDIVISION OF THE LOT

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

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission, a plat showing subdivision of Lot F into Lot F-1 & Lot F-2 Morel Jarreau Subdivision located off of LA Hwy. 1 at New Roads in Section 57, T5S & R10E for Joseph Ricky David be approved, pending there are no subdivision restrictions to prohibit subdivision of the lot.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

AUTHORIZE THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE A SPECIAL DEED FOR THE TRANSFER OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY OF THE POINTE COUPEE PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT TO THE GREATER BATON ROUGE PORT COMMISSION

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

WHEREAS, the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission (“GBRPC”) and Pointe Coupee Parish are political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of Act 180 of the 2019 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the Pointe Coupee Port, Harbor and Terminal District was merged into the GBRPC and all assets of the Pointe Coupee Port, Harbor and Terminal District were transferred to the GBRPC, effective January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in order to reflect such transfer of immovable property on the public records of the Clerk of Court of Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana, it is desirable that an appropriate document reflecting such transfer be executed and recorded:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pointe Coupee Parish Council hereby authorizes the Parish President to execute a special deed reflecting the transfer of the immovable property of the Pointe Coupee Port, Harbor and Terminal District to the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission.

Unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER TO THE ZACHARY TAYLOR PARK COMMISSION REPRESENTING POINTE COUPEE PARISH

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Les Cantrell be appointed to serve as the Alternate Commissioner of the Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission representing Pointe Coupee Parish for a two-year term.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE THE PARISH TO APPLY FOR THE CARES ACT, CDBG-CV LOVE LOUISIANA OUTDOORS FUND

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

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Government is in dire need of providing additional recreational areas to the residents of Pointe Coupee Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Government does not have the necessary funds to construct these recreational areas: Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Council hereby supports and authorizes the Pointe Coupee Parish Government to apply for the CARES Act, CDBG-CV Love Louisiana Outdoors Fund and request of funds up to the grant maximum of \$750,000.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

There were not announcements, notices, meetings, etc.

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mr. Soulier the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman