

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

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council Executive Committee met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, 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, Charles Watkins, Edwin Soulier, Sidney LaCoste, Jimmie Gaspard and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: None.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2021 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of June 22, 2021 meeting of the Executive Committee be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Messrs. Lance Moore waived his public comments until the particular agenda item is discussed.

DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO ENACT CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE III OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO CREATE ZONING IN THE PARISH

The committee discussed the proposed ordinance to enact Chapter 17, Article III of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, to create zoning in the parish.

Councilman Bergeron commented on the proposed amendments to the zoning map to include rural single family residential areas around False River, and questioned certain contents in the ordinance.

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

Chairman Boudreaux gave closing remarks relative to the ordinance, and a public hearing and proposed adoption of the ordinance will be held at the council meeting on August 10, 2021.

DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO THE SUPPORT OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT AND THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

Mr. Lance Moore reserved his comments until the end of discussions by the council, if needed.

Attorney James “Jim” Beatty gave a detailed overview of the proposed ordinance he crafted to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to the support of the Second Amendment and the right to bear arms. He noted that the Second Amendment can only be changed or amended by the legislature.

In response to Councilman Bergeron, Mr. Moore stated that there was no written document from Sheriff Rene` Thibodeaux, but the sheriff does support the ordinance.

Chairman Boudreaux made detailed comments and questioned some of the wording displayed in the ordinance. A public hearing and proposed adoption of the ordinance will be held at the council meeting on August 10, 2021.

PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT/DEPARMENT UPDATES

Parish President Thibaut gave updates on the following:

Issuance of electrical/building permits; construction of the animal shelter; installing new HVAC system at the detention center; complaints received for solid waste and bulky waste/white goods collections; False River water lever is 15.6 with no gates open; plats approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission; increase in COVID-19 cases in the parish; improvements to the multi-use center; promotions of employees in public works, and one employee retired; extended lease on equipment, roadside grass cutting delayed, due to rain, improvements to graveled roads, road projects completed; and funds awarded for Richfield Subdivision drainage project and courthouse restoration project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced two new Justices of the Peace in District 6 – Cole Peers and District 7 – Donna Hammond, and new coroner for the parish, Dr. Donald Doucet.

He extended condolences to the family of Constable Elie Part in District 8, who passed away on July 20.

Councilman Jarreau extended condolences to the family of Councilman Warren Pourciau of the Town of Livonia, who passed away.

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Motion by Mr. Soulier and seconded by Mr. LaCoste, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin – Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux - Chairman