

**MINUTES  
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL  
December 14, 2021**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 14, 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, Kurt Jarreau, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Messrs. Charles Watkins and Edward Bazile.

APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2021 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of November 9, 2021 regular 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. Bergeron and seconded by Mr. Soulier:

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

- Introduction of Ordinance--A proposed ordinance to enact Chapter 6, Article V of the Code of Ordinances to provide for Council approval of certain additions, alterations or improvement to Parish owned buildings and facilities.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Watkins and Bazile.

On a vote of 6-0-2, the motion carried.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parish President Major Thibaut gave updates on the finances, including the sales tax, utilities, licenses, permits and severance tax collections; \$4.6 million received in Capital Outlay funds in 2021; gave an overview of the total projected final budget expenditures for 2021; negotiating a new contract for a medical provider at the Detention Center; In January, monthly financial reports will be emailed to councilmembers prior to their meetings; He thanked Finance Director Tonilyn Guidry and Assistant Finance Director Becky Mayeux for their hard work throughout the year in managing the finances for the parish, and the councilmembers for their hard work and support.

Chairman Boudreaux applaud the council and President Thibaut and his staff for presenting an outstanding budget for the parish.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

UPDATE ON VENTRESS SOLAR PROJECT (DAN SHAPIRO, LIGHTSOURCE BP & BRIAN TAIT, PROJECT MANAGER FOR LPL SOLAR)

Mr. Dan Shapiro of LightSource BP, Project Director for the Ventress Solar Farm, gave a brief introduction and reported construction of the project will begin in January.

Project Manager Brian Tait and Project Executive Jake Neumann of LPL Solar, contractor for the

solar project, gave a brief overview and timeline of the construction of the solar farm at Ventress that will commence in January.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 17 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO AMENDING THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH ZONING CODE

Chairman Boudreaux commented on the proposed amendments to Chapter 17 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to amending the Pointe Coupee Parish Zoning Code. He thanked Administrator Sal Genusa, Planning and Zoning Commission and CSRS for their review and assistance with the amendments to the ordinance.

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

RESOLVED, That an amendment to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 17 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to amending 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. Bergeron, Jarreau, Soulier, LaCoste, Gaspard and Boudreaux.
  - NAYS: None.
  - ABSENT: Messrs. Bazile and Watkins.
- On a vote of 6-0-2, the motion carried.

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

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 17 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to amending 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. Gaspard, LaCoste, Soulier, Jarreau, Bergeron and Boudreaux.
  - NAYS: None.
  - ABSENT: Messrs. Watkins and Bazile.
- On a vote of 6-0-2, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO AMENDING THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT 2021 OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES, ADOPTING THE 2022 OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES AND ADOPTING THE 2022 CAPITAL BUDGET, 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 amending the Pointe Coupee Parish Government 2021 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures, adopting the 2022 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures and adopting the 2022 Capital Budget, and further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:53 p.m., Tuesday, December 14, 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. Soulier and seconded by Mr. Gaspard:

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to amending the Pointe Coupee Parish Government 2021 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures, adopting the 2022 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures and adopting the 2022 Capital Budget, 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, Jarreau, Soulier, LaCoste, Gaspard and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Bazile and Watkins.

On a vote of 6-0-2, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 25 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO ADOPT REGULATIONS WITH REGARD TO RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS; RECREATIONAL VEHICLES OUTSIDE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 25 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, to adopt regulations with regard to Recreational Vehicle Parks; recreational vehicles outside of Recreational Vehicle Parks, and further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:55 p.m., Tuesday, December 14, 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. Soulier:

RESOLVED, That an amendment to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 25 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, to adopt regulations with regard to Recreational Vehicle Parks; recreational vehicles outside of Recreational Vehicle Parks, 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, Jarreau, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Watkins and Bazile.

On a vote of 6-0-2, the motion carried.

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

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 25 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, to adopt regulations with regard to Recreational Vehicle Parks; recreational vehicles outside of Recreational Vehicle Parks, 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, Jarreau, Soulier, LaCoste, Gaspard and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Bazile and Watkins.

On a vote of 6-0-2, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE & POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT TO LEASE A PARISH BUILDING FOR THE MORGANZA POST OFFICE, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to enter into a lease agreement with the United States Postal Service and Pointe Coupee Parish Government to lease a parish building for the Morganza Post Office, and further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:57 p.m., Tuesday, December 14, 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. Jarreau and seconded by Mr. LaCoste:

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to enter into a lease agreement with the United States

Postal Service and Pointe Coupee Parish Government to lease a parish building for the Morganza Post Office, 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. Gaspard, LaCoste, Soulier, Jarreau, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Watkins and Bazile.

On a vote of 6-0-2, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 22-6.1 OF CHAPTER 22 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO SUBDIVISIONS, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Section 22-6.1 of Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to subdivisions, and further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:58 p.m., Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Chairman Boudreaux gave a brief overview of the amendments to the ordinance.

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

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

RESOLVED, That an amendment to a proposed ordinance to amend Section 22-6.1 of Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to subdivisions, 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, Jarreau, Soulier, LaCoste, Gaspard and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Bazile and Watkins.

On a vote of 6-0-2, the motion carried.

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

RESOLVED, That an amendment to a proposed ordinance to amend Section 22-6.1 of Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to subdivisions, 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, Jarreau, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Watkins and Bazile.

On a vote of 6-0-2, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO ENACT SECTION 22-5.1 OF CHAPTER 22 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO IMPOSE A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE APPROVAL OF MAJOR SUBDIVISIONS, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to enact Section 22-5.1 of Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, to impose a temporary moratorium on the approval of major subdivisions, and further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 6:02 p.m., Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Mr. Craig Gosserand of 507 Jeffry Court of New Roads made an inquiry about imposing a temporary moratorium on approval of major subdivisions.

Chairman Boudreaux commented on deferring the temporary moratorium on major subdivisions, since the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance have been approved today, and would cover major subdivisions.

After discussion, the council deferred action on this ordinance.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO ENACT CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE V OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO PROVIDE FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL OF CERTAIN ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS OR IMPROVEMENT TO PARISH OWNED BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES (PUBLIC HEARING JANUARY 11, 2022)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to enact Chapter 6, Article V of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, to provide for Council approval of certain additions, alterations or improvement to parish owned buildings and facilities, and 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, January 11, 2022 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.

RESOLUTION(S):

REPEAL THE SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLE (RV) AND TRAVEL TRAILER PARKS IN THE PARISH

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

RESOLVED, That the six-month moratorium on the development of recreational vehicle (RV) and travel trailer parks in the parish be repealed.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH ATTORNEY DANNIE P. GARRETT, III AND PARISH GOVERNMENT

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

RESOLVED, That the amended contract (Option I) for legal services with Attorney Dannie P. Garrett, III and Pointe Coupee Parish Government be approved, excluding no additional fee to attend special meetings of the Parish Council because they are held the same day as the executive committee meetings.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced there will be no Executive Committee meeting in December, due to the Christmas Holiday. The next Parish Council meeting will be January 11, 2022.

Motion by Mr. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Gaspard the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.