

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 22, 2022

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council Executive Committee met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at the Courthouse Annex in the Parish Council Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

Chairman Boudreaux extended condolences to the family of the late Mrs. Rosezina Griffin, who passed away. She was the mother of Councilman Watkins.

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, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Mr. Charles Watkins.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

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

- Resolution--Expression of sympathy to the family of the late Mrs. Rosezina Griffin.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Watkins.

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2022 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of January 25, 2022 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 on agenda items.

PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT AWARD TO MELLISA SMITH

Parish President Major Thibaut presented a retirement award to Chief Deputy Mellisa Smith of the Registrar of Voters' Office for 33 years of service.

RESOLUTION--EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE MRS. ROSEZINA GRIFFIN

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

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his eternal reward Mrs. Rosezina Griffin; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rosezina Griffin was a native and resident of New Roads, Louisiana and Pointe Coupee Parish for 92 years; and

WHEREAS, her presence will be sadly missed by her 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 Mrs. Rosezina Griffin and this resolution of sympathy in the loss of their loved one.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE IV OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO CREATING AND REESTABLISHING A SINGLE CONSOLIDATED BOARD TO SERVE AS THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY FOR EACH OF THE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS IN EXISTENCE AND IN THE FUTURE CREATED IN POINTE COUPEE PARISH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH LRS 40:1504

Councilman Bergeron commented on the proposed amendments made to the proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 9, Article IV of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to creating and reestablishing a single consolidated board to serve as the governing authority for each of the fire protection districts in existence and in the future created in Pointe Coupee Parish, in accordance with LRS 40:1504. There was further discussion by councilmembers about the ordinance. There were lengthy discussions and comments received about the ordinance and the fire districts from Chief Cary Manuel of Fire District No. 1, Chief Aaron Edwards of Fire District No. 2, Chief Donald Williams of Fire District No. 3, Chief Paul Pinsonat & Firefighter Ben Cashio of Fire District No. 4, Chief Pedro Leonard and Board Chairman Lawrence Smith of Fire District No. 5, and Parish President Thibaut.

PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT/DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Parish President Thibaut gave updates on the following:

Recreation and multi-use center; Pecan Island Bridge Replacement Project; drainage & watershed canals projects and parish roads; permits and occupational licenses issued in January; courthouse and detention center repairs; solid waste and bulky waste collections complaints, and new contractor for bulky waste; Text My Gov mobile app; LA Wildlife & Fisheries will give update on False River at the council meeting in March; and hazard mitigation funds allocated to the parish.

DISCUSSION OF WATER SECTOR GRANT/DHH

Parish President Thibaut gave a detailed overview of the Water Sector Grant with DHH that will fund water and sewer improvements throughout the parish. He reported PC Parish Waterworks District No. 1 was awarded a grant. He commented on future meetings with DHH to discuss additional fundings.

He reported that ACT 98 of the 2021 regular session requiring all community water systems to be graded, upon receiving a failing grade of D or F, will be mandated to make certain expenditures or consolidate with a neighboring system.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced the parish office will be closed Tuesday, March 1, 2022 for Mardi Gras Holiday. The next council meeting will be Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

Motion by Mr. Jarreau and seconded by Mr. Bazile, the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman