

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
November 9, 2021**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 9, 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, Edwin Soulier, Charles Watkins, Kurt Jarreau, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux. Arrived after roll call: Mr. Sidney LaCoste.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2021 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of October 12, 2021 regular meeting of the Parish Council be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were not amendments to the agenda.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parish President Major Thibaut gave updates on the finances, including the sales tax, utilities, licenses, permits and severance tax collections; \$4.4 million received in 2021 from the American Rescue Plan Act & Capital Outlay Funds that will finance various improvement projects to buildings, drainage and roads in the parish; overview of the 2021 projected final budget expenditures; 2021 budget summary that includes amendments of revenues from \$17.7 million to \$26.2 million, and expenditures from \$19 million to \$22 million; and 2022 budget is projecting total revenues of \$21.7 million and expenditures of \$22.8 million. In closing, he responded to questions from the council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO ADOPTING THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT FRAUD PREVENTION POLICY, 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 adopting the Pointe Coupee Parish Government Fraud Prevention Policy, and further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:44 p.m., Tuesday, November 9, 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. Bazile:

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to adopting the Pointe Coupee Parish Government Fraud Prevention Policy, 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. Gaspard, LaCoste, Soulier, Watkins, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 17 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO AMENDING 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 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to amending the Pointe Coupee Parish Zoning Code, and further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:45 p.m., Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

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

RESOLVED, That the Parish Council defer actions on the proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 17 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to amending the Pointe Coupee Parish Zoning Code until their December 14, 2021 meeting.

Unanimously carried.

RECOMMENDATION(S) FROM PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:

APPROVAL OF PLAT SHOWING THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOT M-1-B-1 INTO LOT M-1-B-1-A & LOT M-1-B-1-B OF THE SUBDIVISION OF LOT 2 OF THE PORTION OF THE LOWER PORTION OF VALVERDA PLANTATION LOCATED IN SECTION 61, T6S & R9E OFF OF CANEZARO ROAD AT MARINGOUIN FOR KERRY V. BELLELO

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

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning & Zoning Commission, that the plat showing the resubdivision of Lot M-1-B-1 into Lot M-1-B-1-A & Lot M-1-B-1-B of the subdivision of Lot 2 of the portion of the lower portion of Valverde Plantation located in Section 61, T6S & R9E off of Canezaro Road at Maringouin for Kerry V. Bellelo be approved.

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.

APPROVAL OF PLAT SHOWING THE SUBDIVISION OF LOT 7 INTO LOT 7-A & LOT 7-B OF WATERLOO ACRES SUBDIVISION PART II – FIRST FILING LOCATED IN SECTION 14, T4S & R11E OFF OF LA HIGHWAY 415 AT VENTRESS FOR JOAN ROY

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

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning & Zoning Commission, that the plat showing the subdivision of Lot 7 into Lot 7-A & Lot 7-B of Waterloo Acres Subdivision Part II - First Filing located in Section 14, T4S & R11E off of LA Highway 415 at Ventress for Joan Roy be approved, pending approval is received from all neighbors surrounding said property.

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.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

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 (PUBLIC HEARING DECEMBER 14, 2021)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN 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 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, December 14, 2021 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.

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 (PUBLIC HEARING DECEMBER 14, 2021)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN 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 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, December 14, 2021 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.

A 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 (PUBLIC HEARING DECEMBER 14, 2021)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a 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 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, December 14, 2021 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.

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 22-6.1 OF CHAPTER 22 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO SUBDIVISIONS (PUBLIC HEARING DECEMBER 14, 2021)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend Section 22-6.1 of Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to subdivisions, 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, December 14, 2021 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.

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 (PUBLIC HEARING DECEMBER 14, 2021)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 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 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, December 14, 2021 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. Boudreaux and seconded by Mr. Bergeron:

RESOLVED, That the repeal of the six-month moratorium on the development of recreational vehicle (RV) and travel trailer parks in the parish be tabled until the December 14, 2021 meeting.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT TO JOIN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA & OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE LA STATE-LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPIOID LITIGATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING & ANY SUBSEQUENT FORMAL AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE MOU

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

Authorizing the **Parish of Pointe Coupee** (herein referred to as this “Governmental Unit”) to join with the State of Louisiana and other local governmental units as a participant in the *LOUISIANA STATE-LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPIOID LITIGATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING* (the “MOU”) and any subsequent Formal Agreements necessary to implement the MOU, including but not limited to, the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form(s) in Exhibit K of the *Distributor Settlement Agreement* and the *Janssen Settlement Agreement*.

WHEREAS, the **Parish of Pointe Coupee** has suffered harm from the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the **Parish of Pointe Coupee** recognizes that the entire State of Louisiana has suffered harm as a result from the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana has a pending action in state court, and a number of Louisiana Cities and Parishes have also filed an action *In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) (the “Opioid Litigation”) and **Parish of Pointe Coupee** is a litigating participant in that action; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana and lawyers representing certain various local governments involved in the Opioid Litigation have proposed a unified plan for the allocation and use of prospective settlement dollars from opioid related litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Memorandum of Understanding (the “MOU”) sets forth a framework of a unified plan for the proposed allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds and it is anticipated that formal agreements implementing the MOU will be entered into at a

future date; and

WHEREAS, participation in the MOU by a large majority of Louisiana cities and parishes will materially increase the amount of funds to Louisiana and should improve Louisiana's relative bargaining position during additional settlement negotiations; and

WHEREAS, failure to participate in the MOU will reduce funds available to the State, Pointe Coupee Parish and every other Louisiana city and Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS GOVERNMENTAL UNIT:

SECTION 1. That this Governmental Unit finds that participation in the MOU would be in the best interest of the Governmental Unit and its citizens in that such a plan ensures that almost all of the settlement funds go to abate and resolve the opioid epidemic and each and every city and Parish receives funds for the harm that it has suffered.

SECTION 2. That this Governmental Unit hereby expresses its support of a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds as generally described in the MOU.

SECTION 3. That **Robert J. David, Esq.** is hereby expressly authorized to execute the MOU in substantially the form.

SECTION 4. That **Parish President Major Thibaut** is hereby authorized to execute any formal agreements implementing a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds that is not substantially inconsistent with the MOU and this Resolution including but not limited to the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form(s) in the *Distributor Settlement Agreement* and the *Janssen Settlement Agreement*.

SECTION 5. That the Clerk be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book upon its adoption.

SECTION 6. The Clerk of this Governmental Unit is hereby directed to furnish a certified copy of this Resolution to the Louisiana Attorney General:

Attorney General Jeff Landry
c/o Bill Stiles
Post Office Box 94005
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced there will be an Executive Committee meeting on November 23, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. He announced the parish office will be closed Thursday, November 11, 2021 in observance of the Veterans Day Holiday.

President Thibaut announced all churches throughout the parish will join together at the Activity Center of First Baptist Church at New Roads for a "Christians United for America" prayer event on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., and invited councilmembers.

Motion by Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Bergeron the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman