

**MINUTES**  
**POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**October 26, 2021**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council Executive Committee met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 26, 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.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of September 28, 2021 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.

DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO ADOPT THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT FRAUD PREVENTION POLICY

Finance Director Tonilyn Guidry reported because the parish receives federal and state funds from the Governor Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the parish is required to adopt a fraud prevention policy. A public hearing and proposed adoption of the ordinance will be at the council meeting November 9, 2021.

DISCUSSION 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 reported on a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 17, of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to amending the Pointe Coupee Parish Zoning Code. He gave an overview of the proposed amendments to the ordinance, and there was further discussion by members. A public hearing and proposed adoption of the ordinance will be at the council meeting November 9, 2021.

#### PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT/DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Parish President Thibaut gave updates on the following:

Correspondence received from LA Municipal Gas Authority regarding increases in natural gas; building and electrical permits issued; improvements to the detention center and courthouse; solid waste & bulky waste collections; False River water level is 11.75; blighted and derelict properties; plats approved by planning & zoning commission; completing the parking area at False River Recreation Park, and PC Rec programs; events scheduled in November at multi-use center; drainage and bridge projects in the parish; remaining funds from the False River improvements project, funded by Capital Outlay, will be used toward improvements to the boat launch at Morrison Parkway, and the gates at the Lighthouse Canal; City of New Roads will allocate funds to assist with improvements to the boat launch; grant received for renovations at the animal shelter; will be selecting a project to use available monies from the hazard mitigation funds; American Queen Riverboat docking and bringing tourists in the parish; submitting applications for Capital Outlay Funding to continue improvements to current and new projects in the parish.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced the executive committee will have a meeting on November 23, 2021 to discuss only the fire districts in the parish.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION--RECEIPT OF PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS FROM ATTORNEY DANNIE GARRETT IN REGARD TO THE IMPACT OF LITIGATION TO WHICH THE PARISH WAS NOT A PARTY; GREZAFFI VS. CARROLL, CASE NO. 49886, DIVISION D, 18<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, STATE OF LOUISIANA

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

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee convened in executive session at 6:14 p.m. to discuss receipt of privileged communications from Attorney Dannie Garrett in regard to the impact of litigation to which the parish was not a party; Grezaffi vs. Carroll, Case No. 49886, Division D, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana.

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. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Gaspard:

RESOLVED, That the Parish Council exited executive session at 6:50 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

#### CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

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

- Reapportionment of the 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.

#### REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE COUNCIL

Councilman LaCoste requested opinions from councilmembers about reapportioning the council same as the school board districts or consider separate districts for the council. He discussed concerns he has about his district. Attorney Garrett and councilmembers commented on this matter. After discussion, the council will review this matter further.

Motion by Mr. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Soulier, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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Gerrie P. Martin - Council Clerk

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Dustin Boudreaux - Chairman