

**MINUTES**  
**POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**August 9, 2022**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday August 9, 2022, 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, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Messrs. Edwin Soulier, Charles Watkins and Kurt Jarreau.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2022 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of July 12, 2022 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 no amendments to the agenda.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE ANTHONY LEWIS, JOSEPH H. JARREAU & MADELINE JACK

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

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his eternal reward Mr. Anthony Joseph “Tony” Lewis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anthony Joseph “Tony” Lewis was a native and resident of New Roads, Louisiana and Pointe Coupee Parish for 62 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis was an employee of Pointe Coupee Parish Government with eight years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, his presence will be sadly missed by his 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 Mr. Anthony Joseph “Tony” Lewis and this resolution of sympathy in the loss of their loved one.

Unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his eternal reward Mr. Joseph H. Jarreau; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joseph H. Jarreau was a native and resident of New Roads, Louisiana and Pointe Coupee Parish for 81 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jarreau was an employee of Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury and retired as Secretary-Treasurer with 26 ½ years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, his presence will be sadly missed by his 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 Mr. Joseph H. Jarreau and this resolution of sympathy in the loss of their loved one.

Unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his eternal reward Mrs. Madeline Devold Jack; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Madeline Devold Jack was a native of Cottonport, Louisiana and resident of New Roads, Louisiana and Pointe Coupee Parish for 80 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. Madeline Devold Jack and this resolution of sympathy in the loss of their loved one.

Unanimously carried.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES FROM FORMER STATE SENATOR

Former State Senator Rick Ward gave legislative updates and informed the council that \$25 million in funding was allocated to the parish. He thanked the parish for allowing him to serve in the legislature for 11 years. The council thanked him for supporting the parish throughout the years, and bid him farewell in his future endeavors.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parish President Major Thibaut thanked Mr. Rick Ward for his many years of service and support given to the parish. He presented the financial report of the monthly budget to actual comparison on the ad valorem property taxes, sales tax collections, gas collections, licenses & permits, state severance, and state & federal funds, which included total revenues received of \$9,973,067 and total expenditures of \$6,814,888 for the month of July; two new employees were hired; and update on improvements to the courthouse. In closing, he responded to questions from council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION OF PECAN ISLAND DETOUR ROAD

Mr. Gerry Reynolds of Brown Construction, who is the contractor for the Pecan Island Bridge Replacement project, appeared before the council to address concerns and problems the residents from Pecan Island have been experiencing while traveling the detour road during the bridge construction. He reported on numerous claims the residents have filed seeking reimbursements for repairs made to their vehicles and tires while traveling the detour road from metals in the concrete that was placed on the road. He explained the process that is being implemented to remove the metals from the concrete and prevent future damage to tires and vehicles. In closing, Mr. Reynolds responded to questions from council and Parish President Thibaut.

Mr. Tim Thompson of LA DOTD commented on this matter and DOTD's monitoring of the road problems and project.

DISCUSSION OF PIER ORDINANCE, RELATIVE TO SETBACKS AND CO-OWNERSHIP

Chairman Boudreaux discuss the pier ordinance, relative to setbacks and co-ownership, and whether the ordinance may need to be amended because a property owner is wanting to build a pier on the property line of two lots.

Attorney Dannie Garrett commented on this matter, along with councilmembers. After further discussion, there were no action taken on amending the ordinance.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 15, SECTION 15-9, OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO REIMBURSEMENT BY JAIL INMATES FOR MEDICAL, PSYCHIATRIC & DENTAL EXPENSES (PUBLIC HEARING SEPTEMBER 13, 2022)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 15, Section 15-9, of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to reimbursement by jail inmates for medical, psychiatric & dental expenses, 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, September 13, 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.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 22, SECTION 22-6.1, OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO SUBDIVISIONS (PUBLIC HEARING SEPTEMBER 13, 2022)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 22, Section 22-6.1, 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, September 13, 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):

SUPPORT THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE WATER SYSTEM AT THE PC PARISH DETENTION CENTER WITH THE CITY OF NEW ROADS WATER SYSTEM

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

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Development has presented a statewide funding opportunity for water system improvements for Public Community Water Systems; and

WHEREAS, parties associated with the Pointe Coupee Parish Government, water system at the Pointe Coupee Parish Detention Center and the City of New Roads water system have met to discuss this funding opportunity; and

WHEREAS, this funding program is a competitive grant based upon a statewide scoring system; and

WHEREAS, the consolidation of Public Community Water Systems counts for 20 points of the total of 115 points in the scoring; and

WHEREAS, the grant application process begins July 15, 2022 and ends August 31, 2022.

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Government, on behalf of the water system at the Pointe Coupee Parish Detention Center, submits a grant application with the City of New

Roads for funding with the Office of Community Development - Water Sector Program; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Council supports the Parish and City of New Roads to seek negotiations to consolidate the water system at the Pointe Coupee Parish Detention Center with the City of New Roads Water System, pending approval of funding by the Water Sector Program and approval by both agencies.

Unanimously carried.

**SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL:**

**APPEAL FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE CONDEMNATION AND REMOVAL OF A DANGEROUS ABANDONED MOBILE HOME LOCATED AT 9191 FONTAINE ROAD, MARINGOUIN, LOUISIANA**

Ms. Jessica King appeared before the council to request an extension of time to repair the condemned and abandoned mobile home located at 9191 Fontaine Road, Maringouin, Louisiana (Parcel #00842990) that will be used as her permanent residence.

Certified Building Official Tommy Leonard commented on certain building code guidelines Ms. King must follow to make repairs to the mobile home, and meet the conditions of being a safe non-condemnable structure.

President Thibaut reported the mobile home needs to meet the criteria of not being a condemnable structure, and a danger to the public. He stated that traditionally the council grants a 90-day extension, and thereafter, inspections of the condition of the structures are performed.

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

RESOLVED, That Ms. Jessica King be granted a 90-day extension of time to perform necessary repairs to the condemned and abandoned mobile home located at 9191 Fontaine Road, Maringouin, Louisiana (Parcel #00842990).

Unanimously carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.**

There were no announcements, notices, meetings, etc.

Motion by Mr. Gaspard and seconded by Mr. LaCoste, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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Gerrie P. Martin  
Council Clerk

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Dustin Boudreaux  
Chairman