

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
July 12, 2022**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday July 12, 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, Edwin Soulier, Charles Watkins, Kurt Jarreau, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 2022 & JULY 5, 2022 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of June 14, 2022 regular meeting and July 5, 2022 special 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 HERMAN JEROME DUHE, JR.

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

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his eternal reward Mr. Herman Jerome Duhe, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Herman Jerome Duhe, Jr. was a native and resident of New Roads, Louisiana and Pointe Coupee Parish for 71 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Duhe was a retired employee of Pointe Coupee Parish Government with 16 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. Herman Jerome Duhe, Jr. and this resolution of sympathy in the loss of their loved one.

Unanimously carried.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parish President Major Thibaut 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, that included total revenues received of \$8,986,690 and total expenditures of \$5,357,077 for the month of June; received second half of the ARPA funds in June; two new employees, one termination and one position available; 3% salary increase for employees implemented in July; rebidding replacement of A/C at the PC Parish Detention Center; announced meeting on July 13, 2022 with Pelican Waste to discuss concerns about solid waste collections in the parish, and invited councilmembers to attend; and updates on the bridge replacement projects on Chenal Bayou, Pecan Island and Discharge Bayou.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

The public comments were waived until the specific agenda items are being discussed.

DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CREATING AND REESTABLISHING A SINGLE 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, AND THEREAFTER, CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

Town of Livonia Mayor Rhett Pourciau commented on the proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, creating and reestablishing a single board to serve as the governing authority for each of the fire protections districts in existence and in the future created in Pointe Coupee Parish, in accordance with LRS 40:1504. He suggested addressing and resolving problems within a particular district, instead of reestablishing a single board for the fire districts because of problems with some of the districts.

Mr. Jason Amato, member of the St. James Parish Council & Fire Chief of Lutchter Volunteer Fire Department, gave detailed overview of changes and successful improvements made to create a single board for the fire districts in St. James Parish. In closing, he responded to questions from the council.

Attorney Henry Olinde, who assisted the Advisory Study Committee on Fire District Governance with review and additional amendments to the ordinance, commented on the proposed ordinance and the creation of a single board for the fire districts. He also, responded to questions from the council.

Councilman Jarreau voiced concerns and objections to creating a single board for the fire districts.

Deputy Fire Chief Phil Larimore of Fire Protection District No. 5 voiced concerns and objections to creating a single board for the fire districts.

Chairman Boudreaux commented on his support of creating a single board for the fire districts in the parish being beneficial to the parish.

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

RESOLVED, That the amendments to a proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, creating and reestablishing a single 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, and otherwise provide with respect thereto be accepted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

Substitute motion by Mr. Jarreau and seconded by Mr. Watkins:

RESOLVED, That the amendments to a proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, creating and reestablishing a single 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, to include an additional amendment to establish a nine-member board with one appointment from each fire board and municipality, and otherwise provide with respect thereto.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the substitute motion that resulted as follows:

- YEAS: Messrs. Jarreau, Watkins and LaCoste.
- NAYS: Messrs. Bergeron, Bazile, Soulier, Gaspard and Boudreaux.
- ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 3-5-0, the substitute motion failed.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the original motion that resulted as follows:

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

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 5-3-0, the original motion carried.

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

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, creating and reestablishing a single 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, and otherwise provide 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, Bazile, Soulier, Gaspard and Boudreaux.

NAYS: Messrs. Jarreau, Watkins and LaCoste.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 5-3-0, the motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO ENACT SECTION 17-60 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER IN THE PARISH, AND THEREAFTER, CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

Attorney Laura Carlisle, representing AT&T Mobility, commented that AT&T supports the proposed amendments made to the proposed ordinance to enact Section 17-60 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to Telecommunications Tower in the parish.

Attorney Dannie Garret gave a detailed review of the proposed amendments made to the ordinance that was further reviewed by him and attorneys with AT&T Mobility and SBA Communications.

AT&T Mobility Director Matthew Adams commented on their support and approval of the ordinance.

Attorney Wendell Clark of SBA Communications commented on their support of the ordinance and suggested changes made by SBA.

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

RESOLVED, That the amendments to a proposed ordinance to enact Section 17-60 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to Telecommunications Tower in the parish, and otherwise provide 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, Watkins, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

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

RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to enact Section 17-60 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to Telecommunications Tower in the parish, and otherwise provide 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, Bazile, Jarreau, Watkins, Soulier, LaCoste, Gaspard 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 25, SECTIONS 25-1 & 25-6, OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO MOBILE HOMES IN THE PARISH, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 25, Sections 25-1 & 25-6, of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to mobile home regulations in the parish, and otherwise provide with respect thereto was conducted at 6:51 p.m., Tuesday, July 12, 2022 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. Bazile:

RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 25, Sections 25-1 & 25-6, of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to mobile home regulations in the parish, and otherwise 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.

RECOMMENDATION(S) FROM PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:

APPROVAL OF PLAT SHOWING THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOT M-1-B-1-B, LOT M-1-B-2 & LOT M-1-A-1-B INTO LOT KB-1 OF THE SUBDIVISION OF LOT 2 OF THE LOWER PORTION OF VALVERDA PLANTATION LOCATED OFF OF CANEZARO ROAD AT MARINGOUIN IN SECTION 61, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH & RANGE 9 EAST FOR KERRY V. BELLELO

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

RESOLVED, That a plat showing the resubdivision of Lot M-1-B-1-B, Lot M-1-B-2 & Lot M-1-A-1-B into Lot KB-1 of the subdivision of Lot 2 of the lower portion of Valverda Plantation located off of Canezaro Road at Maringouin in Section 61, Township 6 South & Range 9 East for Kerry V. Bellelo be approved.

Unanimously 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, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH & RANGE 11 EAST OFF OF LA HIGHWAY 415 AT VENTRESS FOR JOAN ROY

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

RESOLVED, That a 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, Township 4 South & Range 11 East off of LA Highway 415 at Ventress for Joan Roy having received approval from majority neighbors surrounding said property be approved.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF PLAT SHOWING THE SUBDIVISION OF LOT B (FORMERLY J. W. TORRES) INTO LOTS B-1 AND B-2 LOCATED OFF OF RIVER STATION ROAD AT LOTTIE IN SECTION 107, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 9 EAST FOR PAULINE D. TORRES

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

RESOLVED, That a plat showing the subdivision of Lot B (formerly J. W. Torres) into Lots B-1 and B-2 located off of River Station Road at Lottie in Section 107, Township 6 South, Range 9 East for Pauline D. Torres be approved.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION(S):

APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE ROADSIDE GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT WITH DEVILLE'S LAWN SERVICE II, LLC

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

RESOLVED, That amendments to the roadside grass cutting contract with Pointe Coupee Parish Government and Deville's Lawn Service II, LLC for additional cuttings in the parish be approved.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

There were no announcements, notices, meetings, etc.

Motion by Mr. Jarreau and seconded by Mr. Gaspard, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman