

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
November 8, 2022**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday November 8, 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, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Messrs. Charles Watkins and Kurt Jarreau.

APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2022 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of October 11, 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.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parish President Major Thibaut gave a PowerPoint presentation and updates on the following: personnel, finances and special projects that included billings/collections for the water districts will begin December 1, 2022; Ventress Solar Farm Project; ordinances; major grants, including state and federal; public works, including bridges and drainage projects; parks and recreation programs and improvements; solid waste and bulky wastes' complaints; upcoming meetings in December with CPEX; permits and licenses; planning & zoning; renovations/improvements projects to the courthouse annex building #1 & detention center; False River water level; and invited councilmembers to the Thanksgiving Dinner for employees. In closing, he responded to questions from council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

RECOMMENDATION(S) FROM PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:

APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT REQUEST FOR A BAR & RESTAURANT LOCATED OFF OF LA HIGHWAY 1, BATCHELOR, LOUISIANA IN SECTION 65, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH & RANGE 8 EAST FOR GLENN FORD

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

RESOLVED, That the approval of a special use permit request for a bar & restaurant located off of LA Highway 1, Batchelor, Louisiana in Section 65, Township 3 South & Range 8 East for Glenn Ford be tabled.

Unanimously carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO AMENDING THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT 2022 OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES, ADOPTING THE 2023

OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES AND ADOPTING THE 2023 CAPITAL BUDGET (PUBLIC HEARING DECEMBER 13, 2022)

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 2022 operating budget of revenues and expenditures, adopting the 2023 operating budget of revenues and expenditures and adopting the 2023 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 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.

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE III, SECTION 8-31(B) OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FEE (PUBLIC HEARING DECEMBER 13, 2022)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 8, Article III, Section 8-31(B) of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to drainage maintenance fee, 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 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.

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE III, SECTIONS 16-35 & 16-37, OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO DERELICT STRUCTURES. (PUBLIC HEARING DECEMBER 13, 2022)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 16, Article III, Sections 16-35 & 16-37, of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to derelict structures, 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 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 PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANT PROGRAM (LGAP) FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE PARISH

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

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Government is in dire need of purchasing new equipment that is needed to perform the daily maintenance and operations in the parish; and

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Government does not have the necessary funds to purchase the equipment: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Council hereby supports the Pointe Coupee Parish Government’s application and request of funds in the total amount of \$100,000 from the Louisiana Office of Community Development, Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) to fund the purchase of various equipment to include a mower, tractor and culvert cleaner; and be it

RESOLVED further, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Representative Jeremy LaCombe to support this endeavor.

Unanimously carried.

SUPPORT PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND (CWEF) PROGRAM FOR PC WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 2

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

A resolution to support preparation and submittal of an application for funding through the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) Program

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Development is accepting applications for funding through the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) Program; and

WHEREAS, one of the requirements for submission of an application for funding under this program requires a resolution of support from the parish governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Parish desires to submit an application for the benefit of the citizens of the Parish and Waterworks District No. 2 of Pointe Coupee: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Parish President and Council of Pointe Coupee acting as the governing authority of said Parish does hereby support the preparation and submittal of an application for funding through the Office of Community Development, Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF).

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR SINGH AND BAMBAH #3, LLC DBA PURPERA'S SUPERMARKET, 6514 LA HWY. 1, INNIS, LA

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

RESOLVED, That a liquor license for Singh and Bambah #3, LLC dba Purpera's Supermarket, 6514 LA Highway 1, Innis, Louisiana be approved.

Unanimously carried.

SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL:

DISCUSSION OF CONDEMNATION AND REMOVAL OF A DANGEROUS ABANDONED MOBILE HOME LOCATED AT 9191 FONTAINE ROAD, MARINGOUIN, LOUISIANA FOR JESSICA KING

Ms. Jessica King requested an additional 90-day extension to make necessary repairs to her mobile home located at 9191 Fontaine Road, Maringouin, Louisiana, and explained why the repairs have not been made. The mobile home was declared condemn and a dangerous abandoned home. The previous 90-day extension granted by the council has expired.

Building Official Tommy Leonard reported on his inspection of the mobile home, and very little repairs have been made to the mobile home.

After further discussion by the council, the following resolution was offered:

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

RESOLVED, That Ms. Jessica King be granted a 45-day extension of time to perform necessary repairs to the condemned and abandoned mobile home located at 9191 Fontaine

Road, Maringouin, Louisiana (Parcel #00842990), pending she obtain all the necessary permits in two weeks.

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

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

NAYS: Mr. Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Messrs. Watkins and Jarreau.

On a vote of 5-1-2, the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION—DISCUSSION OF PENDING PARISH LITIGATIONS (ATTORNEY DANNIE GARRETT & CANDICE FORD)

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

RESOLVED, That the parish council convened in execution session at 6:05 p.m. to discuss pending parish litigations.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Watkins and Jarreau.

On a vote of 6-0-2, the motion carried.

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

RESOLVED, That the parish council exited executive session at 6:39 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced the parish office will be closed Friday, November 11, 2022 in observance of the Veterans Day Holiday, and there will be no meetings of the executive committee in November and December, due to the Thanksgiving & Christmas Holidays.

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mr. Soulier, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman