

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
December 13, 2022

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 13, 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 and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Messrs. Kurt Jarreau, Edward Bazile and Paul Bergeron.

APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 8, 2022 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of November 8, 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:

PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AWARDS TO RONNIE BARLOW & DEQUAN ODOM

Parish President Major Thibaut presented an employee anniversary service award to employee Ronnie Barlow for five years of dedicated service. He announced service award for employee Dequan Odom for five years of dedicated service, who was not present at the meeting.

Chairman Boudreaux announced Item #6B was tabled by Councilman Jarreau.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parish President Major Thibaut gave a PowerPoint presentation and updates on the following: Personnel; finances, including collections of sales tax, utilities, permits and severance tax; billings/collections for PC Waterworks Districts No. 1 & 2 and False River Waterworks will begin in December; upcoming improvements to the annex building #1; proposed ordinance to adopt a policy for bridge repairs; grants received to fund various improvement projects in the parish, and water sector grant to fund various improvements to sewer and water; public works projects, including drainage and bridges; False River water level is 15.7; parks and recreation programs and improvements; events and improvements scheduled at multi-use center; complaints about solid and bulky wastes collections; planning & zoning; permits and licenses; and relocation of precinct at St. Frances Cabrini Church Hall at Livonia to Livonia High School in 2023; In closing, he responded to questions from council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Rev. Patricia Jackson of 5591 Dailey Street, Batchelor, Louisiana commented on her objections to the issuance of a special use permit to Mr. Glenn Ford to establish a bar & restaurant in their residential neighborhood. She expressed concerns for the safety of the elderly and children in the neighborhood. She asked that the building be used for a business that will benefit the community.

Ms. Sandra James of 5555 Dailey Street, Batchelor, Louisiana, who resides next to the building, commented on her objections to the establishment of a bar & restaurant and what it would bring to the neighborhood.

Rev. Leandrew Martin, representing Mr. Glenn Ford, commented on the design he prepared to renovate the building for a bar and restaurant that will benefit the community and provide a place to relax and enjoy a good meal. He asked that the special use permit request be approved.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED 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 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 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 further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 6:09 p.m., Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Parish President Thibaut thanked Finance Director Tonilyn Guidry and Assistant Finance Director Becky Mayeux for preparing the budget, along with support and assistance from the staff, and the council for their input and support to the budget. In closing, he gave a brief overview of the financial accomplishments the parish has made for the past four years.

There were no objections received orally or written to the ordinance.

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

RESOLVED, 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 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 and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Jarreau, Bazile and Bergeron.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED 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 THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to 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 further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 6:15 p.m., Tuesday, December 13, 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. Soulier and seconded by Mr. Watkins:

RESOLVED, 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 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 and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Jarreau, Bazile and Bergeron.
On a vote of 5-0-3, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED 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 THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to 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 further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 6:16 p.m., Tuesday, December 13, 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. Gaspard and seconded by Mr. Watkins:

RESOLVED, That an amendment to 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 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 and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Jarreau, Bazile and Bergeron.

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

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

Chairman Boudreaux commented on the request for a special use permit for a bar and restaurant from Mr. Glenn Ford, and comments the council received from the residents objecting to the permit. He reported on the need to support the decision and recommendation of the planning & zoning commission, which they denied Mr. Ford’s request.

Motion by M. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Soulier:

RESOLVED, That a special use permit request for a bar & restaurant located off of LA Highway 1 at Batchelor in Section 65, Township 3 South and Range 8 East for Mr. Glenn Ford be denied by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

Unanimously carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 20-83 OF CHAPTER 20 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES WITH REGARD TO THE SINGLE BOARD SERVING AS THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY FOR THE CONSOLIDATED SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF PC PARISH (PUBLIC HEARING 1/10/23)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend Section 20-83 of Chapter 20 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances with regard to the single board serving as the governing authority for the Consolidated Sewerage District No. 1 of Pointe Coupee Parish, 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, January 10, 2023 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 ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 11-51 THRU 11-56 OF CHAPTER 11 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO ABANDONED VEHICLES (PUBLIC HEARING 1/10/23)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend Article IV, Sections 11-51 thru 11-56 of Chapter 11 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to abandoned vehicles, 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, January 10, 2023 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):

APPROVE HOLDING AN ELECTION IN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023, TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL PROPERTY TAX OF 11 MILLS THEREIN

Fire Chief Paul Pinsonat and Assistant Fire Chief Evan Doucet of Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 4 commented on the proposed resolution and the holding of a special election to levy a special property tax of 11 mills in the district. They explained the purpose and use of the additional millage tax.

Chairman Boudreaux voiced concerns about the timing for calling a special election and the levy of a special tax, due to the conditions of the economy.

After further discussion, the following resolution was offered:

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

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District No. 4 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, March 25, 2023, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Fire Districts Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 4 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 4 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on December 5, 2022, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, March 25, 2023, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Pointe Coupee Fire Districts Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 4 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on

Saturday, March 25, 2023, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE)

Shall Fire Protection District No. 4 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana (the "District") be authorized to levy and collect a special tax of eleven (11) mills (an estimated \$874,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) on all the property subject to taxation in the District for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2023 and ending with the year 2032, for the following purposes for the District: acquiring, constructing, maintaining and operating fire protection facilities and improvements, purchasing fire trucks and other firefighting equipment and emergency rescue equipment; paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and service, and funding salaries and benefits of full time firefighters?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Gaspard, LaCoste, Soulier, Watkins and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Jarreau, Bazile and Bergeron.

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

APPROVE NAMING A PRIVATE ROAD "RACING ROAD" OFF OF OAKLAND ROAD AT LAKELAND FOR E-911 PURPOSES

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

RESOLVED, That the naming of a private road **Racing Road** off of Oakland Road at Lakeland for E-911 purposes 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

Chairman Boudreaux gave an overview and timeline regarding the condemnation and removal of a dangerous abandoned mobile home located at 9191 Fontaine Road at Maringouin for Ms. Jessica King. He reported the council granted Ms. King an additional 90-day extension to make repairs to the mobile home, along with an additional 45-day extension in November, pending she obtained all necessary permits in two weeks.

Building Official Tommy Leonard reported on his inspection and presented pictures taken December 12, 2022 of the condition of the mobile home, and informed the council no repairs have been made and no sewer permit obtained.

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

RESOLVED, That the condemned and removal of a dangerous abandoned mobile home located at 9191 Fontaine Road, Maringouin, Louisiana (Parcel #00842990) for Jessica King be approved.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

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There were no announcements, notices, meetings, etc.

Motion by Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Soulier the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman