

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
January 10, 2023

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 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, Kurt Jarreau, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Mr. Charles Watkins.

REORGANIZATION MEETING - ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Boudreaux announced that nominations were in order for the election of a Chairman.

Mr. Soulier nominated Mr. Boudreaux for Chairman.

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

RESOLVED, That nominations for Chairman be closed.

Unanimously carried.

Mr. Boudreaux was declared nominated Chairman.

Chairman Boudreaux thanked the councilmembers for re-electing him Chairman of the Council.

APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 13, 2022 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of December 13, 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:

PROCLAMATION DECLARING JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 4, 2023 AS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

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

PROCLAMATION
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2023

WHEREAS, Catholic schools across the nation are celebrating Catholic Schools Week from Sunday, January 29 through Saturday, February 4, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge evangelize hearts, educate minds, encourage talent and embrace the future; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge began this school year on-time following safety guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools recognize the role of parents as the primary educators of their children, successfully involve parents and communities in support of schools, and encourage local creativity and excellence in education; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools are committed to reaching out to all children regardless of heritage, religion, race or economic status and, indeed, have made this commitment part of their mission; and

WHEREAS, the Catholic schools of Louisiana, and indeed of the entire nation, have traditionally provided outstanding education to those attending them, thus contributing to the welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, by providing quality education for thousands of students each year in our state, Catholic schools have helped relieve the financial burden placed on the public school system of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools have trained many of the fine leaders of the Catholic Church and civic community, the state and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools encourage the understanding that character is not measured by wealth or prominence but by integrity, compassion and concern for others; and

WHEREAS, both the Catholic community and all citizens of the city, parish and nation can share in the success achieved by the Catholic system of schools during the many years of service, while remaining confident in its lasting endurance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DUSTIN BOUDREAUX, Chairman of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Parish of Pointe Coupee and the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim January 29 - February 4, 2023 as **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** in Pointe Coupee Parish and urge all citizens to join us in recognizing the Catholic schools in our community.

Unanimously carried.

FALSE RIVER BUOY PROJECT BY THE KIWANIS CLUB

Mr. Kenneth St. Romain of the Kiwanis of Pointe Coupee reported on the False River buoy project. He discussed the parish taking over said project to perform the maintenance and installation of buoys in False River. In closing, he thanked the parish for their continued support.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parish President Major Thibaut gave a PowerPoint presentation and overview of the finances, including collections of sales tax, utilities, permits and severance tax, and reported total revenues of \$19,443,163, total expenditures of \$16,755,545 and excess of revenue of \$2,687,617 as of December 31, 2022; update on the billings/collections for PC Waterworks Districts No. 1 & 2 and False River Waterworks; per request of property owner, the parish will no longer collect solid waste on Stinson, Porter and Allen Monk Roads; and parish being eligible for a \$100,000 Native American Grant. In closing, he responded to questions from council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Monica Fabre and Mrs. Shannon Tate waived their public comments until the agenda items are discussed.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 20-82 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 THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Section 20-82 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 further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:51 p.m., Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Dr. Monica Fabre, President of the New Roads Branch NAACP, commented on the proposed amendments to said ordinance as it relates to membership, and was given an explanation about the process for appointing members to the board.

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

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

RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to amend Section 20-82 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 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, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Watkins.

On a vote of 7-0-1, the motion carried.

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

A hearing to obtain public input to 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 further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 6:01 p.m., Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Councilman Gaspard and Attorney Garrett discussed an amendment to Section 11-52 of the definitions, pertaining to enforcing agency to include the Constables of the various Justice of the Peace Courts in the parish.

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

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

RESOLVED, That an amendment to 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 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, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Watkins.

On a vote of 7-0-1, the motion carried.

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

RESOLVED, That the 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 be adopted with amendments by the Pointe Coupee

Parish Council.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Watkins.

On a vote of 7-0-1, the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION(S) FROM PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:

APPROVAL OF A REZONING REQUEST FOR A TOWING STORAGE YARD LOCATED OFF MAIN STREET AT LOTTIE IN SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH & RANGE 8 EAST FOR TATE’S TOWING, LLC

Shannon & Belinda Tate of Tate’s Towing, LLC appeared before the council to request approval to rezone their property for a towing storage yard off Main Street in Section 33, Township 6 South & Range 8 East at Lottie.

Chairman Boudreaux and councilmembers commented on this matter, and noted the minutes and recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission denying the rezoning request.

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

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning & Zoning Commission, a rezoning request for a towing storage yard located off of Main Street in Section 33, Township 6 South & Range 8 East at Lottie for Tate’s Towing, LLC be denied by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Watkins.

On a vote of 7-0-1, the motion carried.

RESOLUTION(S):

APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Kirk White be reappointed a member of the Pointe Coupee Parish Air Park Commission for a five-year term; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Dr. Carl McLemore, Jr., be reappointed a member of the Pointe Coupee Health Services District No. 1 Board for a six-year term; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Messrs. Mark Major (one-year term), Ronald Pourciau (four-year term) and Kelly Rivet (three-year term) be reappointed members of the Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 2 Board.

Unanimously carried.

The appointment of members to Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 1 Board was tabled, due to the upcoming proposed consolidation of their district and board with False River Waterworks.

SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL:

APPEAL CONDEMNATION AND REMOVAL OF DANGEROUS STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 7843 CUTT POINT DRIVE, VENTRESS, LOUISIANA FOR VICTOR GUILLORY

Attorney Chad Ikerd, representing Mr. Victor Guillory, appeared before the council to appeal the condemnation and removal of a dangerous structure located at 7843 Cutt Point Drive, Ventress, Louisiana. He presented a written submission by Mr. Guillory in response to the demolition notice received from the office of parish president.

At the request of the council, Attorney Dannie Garrett, representing the parish, commented on this matter.

After a lengthy discussion, the following resolution was offered:

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

RESOLVED, That the appeal of the condemnation and removal of a dangerous structure located at 7843 Cutt Point Drive, Ventress, Louisiana for Mr. Victor Guillory is hereby denied by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, and therefore, uphold the Pointe Coupee Parish Government proceeding with the condemnation.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Watkins.

On a vote of 7-0-1, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced the closure of the parish office January 16, 2023 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, and the Executive Committee meeting will be held January 24, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mr. LaCoste, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman