

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
August 8, 2023**

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

ABSENT: None.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 11 & 25, 2023 MEETINGS

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of July 11, 2023 regular meeting and July 25, 2023 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:

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

State Representative Jeremy LaCombe gave legislative updates and overview of monies appropriated to fund various projects in the parish. He thanked the council and parish president for their support.

He announced his candidacy for reelection as State Representative District 18, and asked the councilmembers for their support.

The council thanked him for supporting the parish throughout the years.

PROCLAMATION - HONORING ARTHUR & FRIENDS COMMUNITY CHOIR 15TH-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

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

**PROCLAMATION
Honoring Arthur & Friends Community Choir**

WHEREAS, Mr. Arthur J. Gremillion, a native of Pointe Coupee Parish, graduate of Southern University and A & M College, and founder of Arthur and Friends Community Choir on July 21, 2008, that was founded on the principles of love, ministry and outreach; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gremillion had the vision to impart the gospel of Jesus Christ into the hearts of people by ministering to them through the gift of song and community service, and to give God praise; and

WHEREAS, Arthur and Friends Community Choir is more than just a choir that sings, they also sponsor and support community outreach programs and events; and

WHEREAS, throughout the past 15 years, Arthur and Friends Community Choir has been afforded various opportunities to minister through song by attending many workshops,

engaging in various musical performances throughout the United States and receiving numerous awards for their gospel music; and

WHEREAS, God continues to favor Arthur and Friends Community Choir as recently named Community Choir of the year for The Sound Awards, nominated for four Rhythm of Gospel Music Awards, and received two nominations for the upcoming Avidity Awards. The choir leans on the word of God, as they are reminded in Joshua 1:1-8 “Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan.”

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DUSTIN BOUDREAUX, Chairman of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, do hereby proclaim **August 25 -27, 2023** as days of honoring **Arthur & Friends Community Choir** in Pointe Coupee Parish, and encourage all citizens to participate in activities and ceremonies celebrating their 15th year anniversary.

Unanimously carried.

PROCLAMATION - HONORING AUGUST P. HURST, SR. 100TH BIRTHDAY

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

**PROCLAMATION
AUGUST P. HURST, SR. DAY**

WHEREAS, Mr. August P. Hurst, Sr., a resident of Pointe Coupee Parish, was born September 1, 1923 in New Roads, Louisiana to the late Mr. Willie Hurst and Mrs. Rosa Bondy Hurst; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hurst was married to the late Mrs. Delores Batiste Hurst for 39 years, to this union 12 children, 36 grandchildren, 85 great grandchildren, and 15 great great grandchildren were born; and

WHEREAS, his life spans 100 years and majority of his time is being devoted to family and friends; and

WHEREAS, at an early age he learned the qualities of being a hard worker, served as a veteran in World War II, was employed at Kaiser Aluminum (Ethel Corporation) and retired from Holsum Bakery; and

WHEREAS, he is a dedicated member of Saint Augustine Catholic Church in New Roads, Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DUSTIN BOUDREAUX, Chairman of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, do hereby proclaim **September 1, 2023** as **AUGUST P. HURST, SR. DAY** in Pointe Coupee Parish, and encourage all citizens to participate in activities and ceremonies celebrating thereof.

Unanimously carried.

PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Parish President Major Thibaut gave updates and PowerPoint presentation on the following: Finances including sales tax, ad valorem tax, severance tax, utilities collections and permits fees; total revenues of \$9,955,481, total expenditures of \$10,501,097 and total excess of revenue of \$545,615 as of July 31, 2023; public works projects, bridge repairs and developing a bridge replacement policy; preparing maps for gas line extensions; animal shelter; PC Rec began registrations for football and soccer; improvements at False River and Batchelor Recreation Parks; events scheduled in August at multi-use center; improvements at the detention center; buoy replacements; roadside grass cutting; permits & licenses issued in July; planning & zoning; complaints received about solid waste and bulky waste collections; received Nextera Energy permit application; and thanked Representative LaCombe and Senator Kleinpeter for their support in securing capital outlay funds for the parish that will

continue funding numerous projects throughout the parish. In closing, he responded to questions from council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, SECTIONS 6-26 & 6-27 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO PIERS, WHARVES, BOATHOUSES, BOAT RAMPS, BULKHEADS OR OTHER WORKS OVER FALSE RIVER, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 6, Sections 6-26 & 6-27 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to piers, wharves, boathouses, boat ramps, bulkheads or other works over False River, and further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 6:12 p.m., Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

President Thibaut commented on the purpose of the amendments that are technical changes being made to the ordinance, and asked the council to consider tabling adoption of the ordinance to allow additional time to review and discuss the ordinance further.

Mr. Steve Panepinto of 9468 False River Road, New Roads, Louisiana voiced concerns about the ordinance, and an encroachment of a boathouse next to his property along False River.

Contractor Andrew Bayard of 6787 Island Road, Ventress, Louisiana, gave comments and suggested changes be made to the ordinance regarding the length when constructing piers, the \$7,500 fee and address having certain requirements to address rocks on older structures when constructing piers, and bulkheads for consideration of the council when adopting the ordinance.

President Boudreaux reported the amendments to the ordinance allows the parish administrator the authority to approve standard subdivisions of properties without approval from the Planning & Zoning Commission.

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

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

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Council deferred action until the September 12, 2023 meeting on the proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 6, Sections 6-26 & 6-27 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to piers, wharves, boathouses, boat ramps, bulkheads or other works over False River.

Unanimously carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO PROVIDE FOR THE MERGER OF CERTAIN QUALIFYING VOTING PRECINCTS & ASSIGNING POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THE PARISH IN ACCORDANCE WITH R.S. 18:532.1 (PUBLIC HEARING SEPTEMBER 12, 2023)

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 provide for the merger of certain qualifying voting precincts & assigning polling locations for the parish in accordance with R.S. 18:532.1, 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 12, 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):

APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE TOURIST COMMISSION

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

RESOLVED, That Ms. Adrienne Williams be appointed a member of the Pointe Coupee Parish Tourist Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Paula Lambert.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR JLM GOLF MANAGEMENT, LLC (JAMES L. MOORE) DBA FALSE RIVER COUNTRY CLUB, 13875 PATIN DYKE ROAD, VENTRESS

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

RESOLVED, That the liquor license for JLM Golf Management, LLC (James L. Moore) dba False River Country Club at Ventress be approved.

Unanimously carried.

SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL:

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF A PERMIT AMENDMENT FOR LIGHTSOURCE BP

President Thibaut gave an overview of the proposed amendment to the permit for LightSource BP for the Oxbow Solar Project at Ventress.

Senior Project Manager Gary Bauer of Lightsource BP gave a PowerPoint presentation of the amendment to the permit for the Oxbow Solar Project at Ventress. After further discussion, Councilman Bergeron asked for additional time to review the permit application and other data.

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

RESOLVED, That an amendment to the permit for LightSource BP for the Oxbow Solar Project at Ventress be approved by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

Substitute motion by Mr. Bergeron and seconded by _____:

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Council deferred action until further review at the executive committee meeting and council meeting to approve an amendment to the permit for LightSource BP for the Oxbow Solar Project at Ventress.

The substitute motion died due to lack of a second.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Gaspard, Watkins, Jarreau, Bazile and Boudreaux.

NAYS: Messrs. LaCoste, Soulier and Bergeron.

ABSENT: None.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

There were no announcements, notices, meetings, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

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Motion by Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Jarreau, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman