

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
August 22, 2023

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council Executive Committee met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 22, 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.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2023 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of July 25, 2023 meeting of the Executive Committee be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, SECTIONS 6-26 & 6-27, OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO PEIRS, WHARVES, BOATHOUSES, BOAT RAMPS, BULKHEADS OR OTHER WORK OVER FALSE RIVER

Attorney Dannie Garrett commented on proposed amendments to 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 work over False River. Comments were also received from councilmembers and Parish President Major Thibaut regarding the amendments to the ordinance. The public hearing for said ordinance was held on August 8, 2023. The council will discuss and consider adopting the amendments to the ordinance at their meeting in September.

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

Chairman Boudreaux reported on a proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to amending the current Parish Precinct Ordinance to provide for the merger of certain qualifying voting precincts & assigning polling locations for the Parish of Pointe Coupee in accordance with R.S.18:582.1. Chairman Boudreaux reported the precinct merger reflects precincts 3 & 6A. He announced public hearing for said ordinance will be held at the council meeting on September 12, 2023.

DISCUSSION OF SOLID WASTE COLLECTIONS IN THE PARISH

The councilmembers discussed complaints from citizens about the change to once a week collection of solid waste in the parish, and wanting to return to twice a week.

Parish Presidents commented on the change in solid waste collections and costs of once a week collection increasing in January from \$18.87 to \$21.50 versus twice a week that would result in a cost of \$26.00 monthly per each household. He reported the twice a week increase would go into effect immediately following the adoption of an ordinance. He reported the complaints have reduced since the change was implemented in July.

After further discussion from councilmembers, they agreed to review this matter in a month if necessary.

DISCUSSION OF TRAIL RIDE ORDINANCE

Chairman Boudreaux reported on a citizen's request asking the council to change the submittal of the permit applications from 60 days to 30 days prior to hosting trail rides in the parish. After discussion, the council agreed the 60 days will remain.

DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON NEXTERA SOLAR PROJECT PERMIT APPLICATION

Parish President Thibaut gave a PowerPoint presentation and updated the council on the permit application for NextEra Solar Project that was submitted on August 4, 2023. He also gave an overview about the Industrial Tax Exemption Program (ITEP) and Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program (PILOT) as it relates to the solar project.

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Chairman Boudreaux announced the State Fire Marshal has issued a statewide burn ban due to dry conditions, effective as of August 7, 2023.

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mr. Soulier, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman