

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
November 14, 2023**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at the Courthouse Annex in the Parish Council Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

Chairman Boudreaux called the meeting to order and directed Administrative Assistant Sharoneca Lockett to call the roll:

PRESENT: Messrs. Jimmie Gaspard, Sidney LaCoste, Edwin Soulier, Charles Watkins, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Mr. Kurt Jarreau.

APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 17 & 24, 2023 MEETINGS

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of October 10, 2023 regular meeting and October 17 & 24, 2023 special meetings 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 AWARD TO RYAN SANDERS

Recreation Director Paul Armand presented an anniversary service award to employee Ryan Sanders for 10 years of dedicated service with the parish.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Director of Administration Mark Ward gave updates and PowerPoint presentation on the following: presented a financial report including sales tax, ad valorem tax, severance tax, utilities collections and permits fees, total revenues of \$15,009,286, total expenditures of \$14,781,914 and total excess of revenues of \$227,372 as of October 31, 2023; one new hired and one termination; public works projects, Beamon Road bridge construction, surveying on the Portage Canal and waterways projects, Bergeron bridge replacement; animal shelter still full; special needs rodeo held at multi-use center, PC Rec football program; upcoming events scheduled at the multi-use center and improvements at PC Rec; improvements at the detention center; roadside grass cutting and courthouse renovations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

UPDATE ON OXBOW SOLAR PROJECT AT VENTRESS

Mr. Gary Bauer of Lightsource BP gave an update and PowerPoint presentation on the progress of the Oxbow Solar project at Ventress, and a possible completion date after May 2024.

FALSE RIVER PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Recreation Director Paul Armand gave an update on the proposed development of the False River Park Master Plan. He reported contracting with SJB Group to prepare the master plan, and they will create a survey and place on social media for the public to complete. Thereafter, a meeting will be held to review results of survey and other data regarding preparation of the plan.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO AMENDING THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT 2023 OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES, ADOPTING THE 2024 OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES AND ADOPTING THE 2024 CAPITAL BUDGET (PUBLIC HEARING DECEMBER 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 amending the Pointe Coupee Parish Government 2023 operating budget of revenues and expenditures, adopting the 2024 operating budget of revenues and expenditures and adopting the 2024 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 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.

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE II, SECTION 21-20 OF THE PC PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO AMENDING SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL FEE (PUBLIC HEARING DECEMBER 12, 2023)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend and reenact Chapter 21, Article II, Section 21-20 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to amending solid waste collection and disposal 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 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):

APPROVE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR DAVID B. LINDSLY, DBA SANDBAR ON FALSE RIVER, 6716 FALSE RIVER DRIVE, OSCAR, LOUISIANA

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

RESOLVED, That a liquor license for David B. Lindsly, dba Sandbar on False River, 6716 False River Drive, Oscar, Louisiana be approved.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced there will be no Executive Committee meetings in the months of November and December, due to the Thanksgiving & Christmas Holidays. He announced the parish office will be closed November 23 & 24, 2023 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

He asked the council to consider moving their February 13, 2024 meeting to February 27, 2024, due to the Mardi Gras Holiday, and therefore, cancelling the executive meeting on the fourth Tuesday.

Director of Administration Ward gave an update on the burn ban, and will contact all fire departments to obtain their feedback about lifting the ban. Thereafter, he will send emails and place a notice on social media about the status of the ban.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Soulier and seconded by Mr. Gaspard, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman