

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
July 23, 2024

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council Executive Committee met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, 2024, 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 and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Mr. Paul Bergeron.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2024 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of June 25, 2024 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.

PRESENTATION BY DR. JIM RICHARDSON ON THE PARISH ECONOMIC AND REVENUE ANALYSIS

Dr. Jim Richardson gave a PowerPoint presentation and summary report of the parish economic and revenue analysis, relative to ad valorem and sales & use taxes in the parish. In closing, he gave suggestions for increases in ad valorem and sales & use taxes; and increasing economic development, population and businesses in the parish is an alternative to avoid increase in taxes. He also responded to questions from parish president and councilmembers.

In response to President Thibaut, Dr. Richardson stated the top elements for economic development being attractive to businesses and people are government being responsive & sell yourself, necessary land availability, labor force and public services.

Chairman Boudreaux thanked Dr. Richardson for the analysis.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4-2 OF CHAPTER 4 - ANIMAL CONTROL & KEEPING OF FOWL

Chairman Boudreaux explained the reason for the amendments to Section 4-2 of Chapter 4 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to animal control and keeping of fowl. He reported Councilman Soulier have received complaints about chickens roaming on neighboring property that is a nuisance. This ordinance will be introduced at the council meeting in August.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4-15 OF CHAPTER 4 - ANIMAL CONTROL & CITATION AND ADJUDICATION

Director of Governmental Affairs & Communications Jeanne Hendrix commented on the revised amendment to Section 4-15 of Chapter 4 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to animal control & citation and adjudication, which will give the animal control officer authority to issue citations. This ordinance will be introduced at the council meeting in August.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced the presentation of a certificate of recognition to Mr. Marshall Honore in honor of his 100th Birthday Celebration on August 4, 2024, who have relatives from the parish.

President Thibaut announced The Pointe Coupee Banner was named the “Newspaper of the Year” by the Louisiana Press Association for the third time out of four years. He also announced they received an “Award of Excellence” for their reporting about the late Author Ernest Gaines.

Motion by Mr. Gaspard and seconded by Mr. LaCoste, the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman