

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
May 14, 2024

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, 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. Sidney LaCoste, Edwin Soulier, Charles Watkins, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Messrs. Jimmie Gaspard and Kurt Jarreau.

APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 9 & 23, 2024 MEETINGS

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of April 9, 2024 regular and April 23, 2024 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.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parish President Major Thibaut gave updates and report on the following: presented a written financial report including sales tax, ad valorem tax, severance tax, utilities collections and permits fees; total revenues of \$7,137,025 total expenditures of \$5,359,607 and total excess revenues over expenditures of \$1,777,418 as of April 30, 2024 overview and tour of parish to assess storm damages, restoring electricity throughout the parish, and recognized those employees called out after the storm to free roadways, etc. and thanked them for their dedicated service.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 27 - SOLAR FARM REGULATIONS, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 27 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to solar farm regulations, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:49 p.m., Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Councilman Bergeron gave a brief overview of the amendments made to the solar farm regulations ordinance.

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

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

RESOLVED, That an amendment to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 27 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to solar farm regulations, and otherwise to 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. LaCoste, Soulier, Watkins, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Gaspard and Jarreau.

On a vote of 6-0-2, the motion carried.

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

RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 27 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to solar farm regulations, and otherwise to 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. LaCoste, Soulier, Watkins, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Gaspard and Jarreau.

On a vote of 6-0-2, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 25 - MOBILE HOME PARKS, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 25 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to mobile home parks, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto was conducted at 6:01 p.m., Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Councilman Bergeron gave a brief overview of the amendments made to the mobile home parks ordinance.

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

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

RESOLVED, That an amendment to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 25 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to mobile home parks, and otherwise to 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. LaCoste, Soulier, Watkins, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Gaspard and Jarreau.

On a vote of 6-0-2, the motion carried.

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

RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 25 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to mobile home parks, and otherwise to 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. LaCoste, Soulier, Watkins, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Gaspard and Jarreau.

On a vote of 6-0-2, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCE PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 - PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 2 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to amending the personnel policy manual, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto was conducted at 6:06 p.m., Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

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

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

RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 2 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to amending the personnel policy manual, and otherwise to 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. LaCoste, Soulier, Watkins, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Gaspard and Jarreau.

On a vote of 6-0-2, the motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX B - GRANT THIRTY-FIVE YEARS FRANCHISE TO ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC (PUBLIC HEARING JUNE 11, 2024)

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 amend Appendix B - grant thirty-five years franchise to Entergy Louisiana, LLC, and otherwise to 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, June 11, 2024 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 NAMING A PRIVATE ROAD “JEM MARIE LANE” OFF VENTRESS ROAD AT VENTRESS FOR E-911 PURPOSES

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

RESOLVED, That a private road be named **Jem Marie Lane** off of Ventress Road at Ventress for E-911 purposes.

Unanimously carried.

SUPPORTING CARBON CAPTURE PROJECTS IN POINTE COUPEE

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

TO SUPPORT CARBON CAPTURE, UTILIZATION AND STORAGE; AND TO PROVIDE IN REGARD THERETO

WHEREAS, Louisiana is an industrial state and is second in the nation in energy production and the science of carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS) is a vital tool for the future of energy production; and

WHEREAS, the first CCUS project in Louisiana began in 1978, and in 1982 Texaco began injecting carbon dioxide (CO2) from a nearby fertilizer facility into the Paradis field, making Louisiana the first place in the world in which anthropogenic CO2 was injected underground; and

WHEREAS, CCUS will assist the State of Louisiana in meeting the stated carbon goals of industry, and our communities, and aligns with the Louisiana Climate Task Force Initiative of reducing carbon emissions significantly by 2030; and

WHEREAS, CO2 is one of the most important gases on the planet; vegetation needs it to grow, animals exhale it, and many of our most important industrial processes produce it as a byproduct; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Pointe Coupee has ideal geological conditions, as evidenced by the Parish's abundance of oil and natural gas exploration and production dating back to the 1920's; and

WHEREAS, there is a confluence of four factors that make CCUS attractive right now in Louisiana: (1) large sources of industrial emissions, (2) advantageous geology, (3) global buyers of products communicating to Louisiana companies that they want lower emissions-intensive products, and (4) current federal tax credits for CCUS (known as "45Q" tax credits); As a result, CCUS is likely to expand in Louisiana in coming years; and

WHEREAS, Pointe Coupee Parish is perfectly situated and suited for CCUS and supportive of the proven science and increased tax dollars that will come to the Parish coffers from these sustainable energy projects.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council that the policy of Pointe Coupee Parish Government is to support the operation of carbon capture, utilization, and storage within Pointe Coupee Parish.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE THE POINTE COUPEE BANNER AS THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL FOR THE PARISH AS REQUIRED BY LA R.S. 43:141 AND LA R.S. 43:142, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

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

RESOLVED, That the appointment of The Pointe Coupee Banner as the Official Journal for the parish as required by LA R.S. 43:141 & LA R.S. 43:142, effective July 1, 2024 be approved.

Unanimously carried.

APPOINT MR. STEPHEN DABADIE AS A MEMBER OF PC COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT BOARD

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Stephen Dabadie be appointed to serve as a member of the Pointe Coupee Parish Communications District, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Mark Ward.

Unanimously carried.

ADOPT THE LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE 2023 AUDIT

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

RESOLVED, That the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire with the LA Legislative Auditor for the Pointe Coupee Parish Government 2023 Audit Engagement be adopted.

Unanimously carried.

REMOVE A MORATORIUM ON NEW SOLAR FARM PERMIT APPLICATIONS

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

RESOLVED, That a moratorium on new permit applications for solar farms in the parish be removed.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

There were no announcements, notices, meetings, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Bergeron, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman