

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
August 13, 2024**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 13, 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, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 9 & 23, 2024 MEETINGS

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of July 9, 2024 regular and July 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.

SPECIAL BUSINESS - PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AWARD TO PAUL ARMAND

Parish President Major Thibaut presented an anniversary service award to employee Paul Armand for five years of dedicated service with the parish.

SPECIAL BUSINESS - UPDATES FROM PARISH EXTENSION OFFICE

Parish County Agent Mark Carriere of LSU AgCenter Cooperative Extension introduced Assistant Extension Agent/4-H & Youth Development Gabriella Lorusso, and recognized other staff members, who were not present at the meeting. He thanked the council for their continued support. He gave updates from the Parish Extension Office, and reported on upcoming events. Ms. Lorusso gave updates on the 4-H Program, upcoming events, and will be hosting open house on October 9, 2024.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parish President Major Thibaut gave updates and reported on the following: presented a written financial report including sales tax, ad valorem tax, severance tax, utilities collections and permits fees; total revenues of \$11,279,987, total expenditures of \$10,139,750 and total excess revenues over expenditures of \$1,140,236 as of July 31, 2024; hired new Building Supervisor Mike Templeton; Pointe Coupee is hosting the Police Jury Association of LA Region III Meeting on October 3, 2024 at Circa 1903; draft of designs for Phase II of the Courthouse Project that will include exterior grounds, parking & old DMV building; and Butch Browning performing an analysis of the fire departments in the parish.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4-15 OF CHAPTER 4 - ANIMAL CONTROL & KEEPING OF FOWL (PUBLIC HEARING SEPTEMBER 10, 2024)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend Section 4-15 of Chapter 4 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to animal control & keeping of fowl, 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, September 10, 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.

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4-2 OF CHAPTER 4 - ANIMAL CONTROL & CITATION AND ADJUDICATION (PUBLIC HEARING SEPTEMBER 10, 2024)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend Section 4-2 of Chapter 4 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to animal control & keeping of fowl & citation and adjudication, 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, September 10, 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.

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 22-19 OF CHAPTER 22 - SUBDIVISIONS AND RESUBDIVISION OF RESIDENTIAL LOTS (PUBLIC HEARING SEPTEMBER 10, 2024)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend Section 22-19 of Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to subdivisions and resubdivision of residential lots, 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, September 10, 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 PRIVATE ROAD “VOSBURG LANE” OFF ISLAND ROAD AT JARREAU FOR E-911 PURPOSES

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

RESOLVED, That a private road be named **Vosburg Lane** off Island Road at Jarreau for E-911 purposes.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION FOR ATCHAFALAYA BASIN DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE I

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

RESOLVED, That the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Atchafalaya Basin Drainage Improvements - Phase I Project #AT-0035 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 1 be accepted; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Parish President Major Thibaut, on behalf of the Pointe Coupee Parish Government, be authorized to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE THE PARISH-WIDE SIGN INVENTORY & ROAD PAVEMENT ASSESSMENT WITH NEEL-SCHAFFER, INC.

Public Works Director Nathan Cobb gave a brief overview about the sign inventory & road pavement assessment for the parish.

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

RESOLVED, That on behalf of the Pointe Coupee Parish Government, Parish President Major Thibaut be authorized to execute the Parish-Wide Sign Inventory & Road Pavement Assessment with Neel-Schaffer, Inc.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE HOLDING AN ELECTION IN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024, TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL TAX OF 15 MILLS THEREIN

After a lengthy discussion by Fire Chief Aaron Edwards and councilmembers regarding the proposed millage and election, the following resolution was offered:

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

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, December 7, 2024, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Fire Districts Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on August 5, 2024, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, December 7, 2024, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Pointe Coupee Fire Districts Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, December 7, 2024, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE)

Shall Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana (the "District") be authorized to levy and collect a special tax of 15 mills (an estimated \$297,500 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for

an entire year) on all the property subject to taxation in the District for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of maintaining and operating the District’s fire protection facilities, for purchasing fire trucks and other fire fighting equipment and emergency rescue equipment; paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and service; and paying the cost of acquiring fire protection facilities of the District, including specialized rescue tools and life saving equipment, all constituting works of public improvement, provided that a portion of the Tax proceeds is required to be contributed to state and statewide retirement systems as provided in R.S. 11:82?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Gaspard, LaCoste, Soulier, Watkins, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
On a vote of 8-0-0, motion carried.

SPECIAL MATTERS:

APPEAL FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE CONDEMNATION & REMOVAL OF A DANGEROUS STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 7230 MITCHELL LANE, MORGANZA, LA FOR THOMAS HICKERSON ESTATE (AGNES MARTIN)

Councilman LaCoste reported that Ms. Agnes Martin has submitted an appeal and is requesting a 30-day extension of time for the condemnation & removal of a dangerous structure located at 7230 Mitchell Lane, Morganza, LA for Thomas Hickerson Estate. After discussion, the following resolution was offered:

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

RESOLVED, That a request from Ms. Agnes Martin for a 30-day extension of time for the condemnation & removal of a dangerous structure located at 7230 Mitchell Lane, Morganza, LA for the Thomas Hickerson Estate be approved.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

There were no announcements, notices, meetings, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Watkins, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman