

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
October 8, 2024**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 8, 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 SEPTEMBER 10 & 24, 2024 MEETINGS

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of September 10, 2024 regular and September 24, 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 JOE ZABACK

Parish President Major Thibaut announced an anniversary service award for employee Joe Zaback for 10 years of dedicated service with the parish, who was not present at the meeting.

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, licenses and permits fees; total revenues of \$14,421,535 total expenditures of \$16,117,768 and total excess revenues over expenditures of -\$1,696,233, as of September 30, 2024; resignation of a tractor driver; scheduling budget meetings in November; Pelican Waste ordering new trucks; and presented 2023 data showing where the parish ranked in property taxes among other parishes in the state.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATE(S)

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2024 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
Parish Tax	3.48 mills
Parish Tax in Town of Livonia	3.48 mills
Parish Tax in City of New Roads	1.74 mills
Fire District No. 1 (Acquisitions & Maintenance)	6.80 mills
Fire District No. 1 (Maintenance & Operations)	6.21 mills

Fire District No. 2 (Additional Funding)	1.43 mills
Fire District No. 2 (Maintenance & Operations)	4.04 mills
Fire District No. 3 (Additional Funding)	2.92 mills
Fire District No. 3 (Maintenance & Operations)	2.89 mills
Fire District No. 3 (Equipment)	15.00 mills
Fire District No. 4 (Maintenance & Operations)	11.30 mills
Fire District No. 4 (Additional Funding)	11.39 mills
Fire District No. 5 (Maintenance & Operations)	4.99 mills
Fire District No. 5 (Additional Funding)	3.00 mills
Library Maintenance Tax	5.08 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2024, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Messrs. Gaspard, LaCoste, Soulier, Watkins, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 8-0-0-0, the motion carried.

RESOLUTION(S):

SET TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS IN THE RURAL AREAS OF THE PARISH

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

RESOLVED, That the hours for trick-or-treat be set from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2024 in the rural areas of the parish for children 12 years old and under.

Unanimously carried.

SPECIAL MATTER - PETITION OF APPEAL FROM GARLAND & RUSS RODRIGUEZ FOR VARIANCE REQUEST APPROVED FOR COLBY DRAGO, 13905 VENTRESS ROAD, VENTRESS, LOUISIANA

Mr. Eric Champagne of 13888 Ventress Road, Ventress, Louisiana, representing his stepsons Garland & Russ Rodriguez, who filed a petition of appeal regarding the variance request approved for Colby Drago, 12905 Ventress Road, Ventress, Louisiana by the PC Parish Planning & Zoning Commission. Mr. Champagne presented a lengthy document citing reasons the 5ft. variance should have been denied.

Mr. Drago explained the reason for his request for the 5ft. variance on his property to construct and access a maintenance building on his property, and there should be no issues with drainage.

After discussion, the following resolution was offered:

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

RESOLVED, That the petition of appeal from Garland & Russ Rodriguez for the variance request approved for Colby Drago, 12905 Ventress Road, Ventress, LA be denied by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the variance request for Colby Drago, per approval of Pointe Coupee Parish Planning & Zoning Commission, be approved by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

There were no announcements, notices, meetings, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mr. LaCoste, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman