

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
November 12, 2024**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 12, 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, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Mr. Kurt Jarreau.

APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8 & 22, 2024 MEETINGS

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of October 8, 2024 regular meeting and October 22, 2024 special meeting 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:

PROCLAMATION HONORING NEDIA JONES 100TH BIRTHDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2024

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

**PROCLAMATION
NEDIA DEROZAN JONES DAY**

WHEREAS, Mrs. Nedia Derozan Jones, a resident of Pointe Coupee Parish, was born November 24, 1924 in New Roads, Louisiana to the late Mr. Horace Derozan and Mrs. Laura Cushionberry-Derozan; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Nedia Derozan Jones has been married to Mr. Lionel Jones for 66 years, to this union 9 children, 18 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren were born; and

WHEREAS, her life spans 100 years and majority of her time is being devoted to family and friends; and

WHEREAS, at an early age she learned the qualities of being a hard worker, first working as a farmer for years before transitioning her skills to being a Custodial Worker for the Pointe Coupee Parish Health Unit of New Roads where she retired later in life; and

WHEREAS, she is a dedicated choir member of Fairland Baptist Church in New Roads, Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DUSTIN BOUDREAUX, Chairman of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, do hereby proclaim **November 24, 2024** as **NEDIA DEROZAN JONES DAY** in Pointe Coupee Parish, and encourage all citizens to participate in activities and ceremonies celebrating thereof.

Unanimously carried.

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 for the month ending October 31, 2024; employment of two tractor drivers, and upcoming retirement of two employees in December; and announced NextEra beginning construction in December of their solar farm in the parish.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE V OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO AMENDING THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT 2024 OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES, ADOPTING THE 2025 OPERATING BUDGET AND ADOPTING THE 2025 CAPITAL BUDGET (PUBLIC HEARING DECEMBER 10, 2024)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend Article V of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to amending the Pointe Coupee Parish Government 2024 operating budget of revenues and expenditures, adopting the 2025 operating budget of revenues and expenditures and adopting the 2025 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 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 AUTHORIZE THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO PURCHASE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY LOCATED AT MAIN & PENNSYLVANIA STREETS AT NEW ROADS (PUBLIC HEARING DECEMBER 10, 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 authorizing the parish president to purchase immovable property located at Main & Pennsylvania Streets at New Roads, and to provide for related matters 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 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.

SPECIAL MATTER(S) TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL:

APPEAL FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE CONDEMNATION & REMOVAL OF DANGEROUS ABANDONED STRUCTURE (MOBILE HOME) LOCATED AT 7666 MOREL LANE, VENTRESS, LOUISIANA (PARCEL #00383830) FOR CALEB SMITH

In the absence of Caleb Smith, Mr. Wayne Sullivan appealed and requested a 90-day extension of time to repair the condemn and removal of dangerous abandoned structure (mobile home) located at 7666 Morel Lane, Ventress, Louisiana.

Chairman Boudreaux noted this property was recently owned by Mr. Ronnie Labatut and condemned by the parish, who was granted a 90-day extension in February and expired in July. He stated four months later beyond the 90-day extension there has been no improvements made to the mobile home.

Parish Certified Building Official Tommy Leonard commented on the pictures and present condition of the mobile home, and what is needed to bring the mobile home up to standards and livable.

After further discussion, the following resolution was offered:

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

RESOLVED, That a 30-day extension of time to complete back wall and begin repairing the roof on the condemnation and removal of dangerous abandoned mobile home located at 7666 Morel Lane, Ventress, Louisiana for Caleb Smith be granted.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Gaspard and seconded by Mr. LaCoste, the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman