



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

January 12, 2016

Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jacki Ackel, Duval Arthur, Troy Lombardo, Damon Robison, Greg Roussel

Minutes from last meeting: December 8, 2015

Treasurer's Report

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

PUBLIC HEARING @ 7:15

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ORDINANCES – INTRODUCE/ADOPT

- 1. Ordinance No. 670 – Amend pond construction ordinance**
- 2. Ordinance No. 671 – Flood Emergency**

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- 1. Resolution No. 8-16 – Berwick, LLC donation of property on Old Spanish Trail**

New Business:

- 1. Mayoral appointments**
- 2. Re-Appoint Debra Garber to Morgan City Harbor & Terminal District**
- 3. Krewe of Dionysus Parade Permit – February 6, 2016**
- 4. Re-schedule the February Council meeting to February 2 (Conflict with Mardi Gras)**

Adjournment

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF BERWICK, STATE OF LOUISIANA
TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY**

January 12, 2015

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Berwick, State of Louisiana, met in regular session at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall, Berwick, Louisiana, Tuesday, January 12, 2015, at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

There were present: Council members Jacki Ackel, Duval Arthur, Troy Lombardo, Damon Robison, and Greg Roussel.

Absent: None

Also present was a representatives of KWBJ and The Daily Review.

Councilman Duval Arthur led the prayer.

Councilman Damon Robison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Berwick, State of Louisiana were duly convened as the governing authority of said Town, by the Honorable Louis Ratcliff, Mayor, who then stated that the Mayor and Council were ready for the transaction of business.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without reading upon motion by Jacki Ackel and seconded by Duval Arthur.

The Treasurer's report, having been reviewed, was approved without reading upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Greg Roussel.

The guest for December, 2015 was Beverly Domengeaux with St. Mary Council on Aging. She thanked the mayor and council for their support in donating toward the purchase of heaters for the elderly in Berwick.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of December, 2015. Chief Richard stated that the tickets issued for December, 2015, were about three times the amount written in December, 2014. Chief Richard also presented the 2015 yearly report for arrest and citations issued during 2015. After no further comments, the mayor moved on the next item on the agenda, Fire report.

Chief Allen Rink presented the fire report and stated that they had 16 calls for December, 2015. There was 10 medical calls, 3 auto wrecks, 2 small fires and 1 good intent call. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Public Works report.

Rafael Lopez presented the Public Works report for December, 2015. Town crews are working on many projects at this time. Crews are repairing streets and sidewalks, repairing water leaks, cutting grass on the highways and preparing to close gates as needed for the rising Atchafalaya River. The final section of the walking trail on Fairview is approximately 90% complete. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Town Engineer Reid Miller with Miller Engineers presented his report and stated that the final revisions of the sewer project on Old Spanish Trail/Highway 182 are complete and will be forwarded to Baton Rouge for review. The updated plats for the Old Spanish Trail and Highway 182 sewer project were submitted for new lift station locations, one being on Southern Equestrian Stables property and the other on Berwick, LLC property. The permit drawings were revised and resubmitted to the Army Corp of Engineers to reduce the impacts for the force main construction from Highway 182 to Highway 90. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Economic Development, Anti-Litter, Public Safety, Planning and Zoning, and Wharf Committees had nothing to report. Recreation Committee Chairman Troy Lombardo stated that a citizen had approached the committee wishing to play baseball on the Pony Field at the Berwick Civic Center. The home plate, foul poles and bases would have to be moved to accommodate the league. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, Ordinances.

Item #1 under Ordinances - Approve/Adopt – Introduce Ordinance No. 670 – Amend pond construction ordinance. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #2 under Ordinances – Approve/Adopt – Adopt Ordinance No. 671 – Flood Emergency. Upon motion by Greg Roussel and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the ordinance was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Item #1 under Resolutions/Proclamations – Resolution No. 8-16 – Berwick, LLC donation of property on Old Spanish Trail for a lift station for the new sewer system that will be installed. The resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Item #1 under new business – Mayoral Appointments. No action was taken on this item.

Item #2 under new business – Re-appoint Debra Garber to Morgan City Harbor & Terminal District. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the appointment was approved unanimously.

Item #3 under new business – Krewe of Dionysus Parade Permit. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Jacki Ackel the permit was approved unanimously.

Item #4 under new business – Re-schedule February Council Meeting from February 9 to February 2 because of conflict with Mardi Gras. Upon motion by Greg Roussel and seconded by Troy Lombardo the motion to move the meeting was approved unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion by Jacki Ackel and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the meeting adjourned.

Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk