



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

January 14, 2013

Date of Notice: January 7, 2013

A Public Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: January 14, 2014
Time: 7:15 P.M.
Place: Council Meeting Room
3225 Third Street
Berwick, LA 70342

Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Duval Arthur, Troy Lombardo, Damon Robison, Greg Roussel, Edgar Thomas

Minutes from last meeting: December 10, 2013

Treasurer's Report

The Beacon Shines on...

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 650 – Crappell's Fish Market Lease**
- 2. Consider Adoption of Ordinance No. 650 – Crappell's Fish Market Lease**
- 3. Consider Introduction of Ordinance No. 651 – Accept Sixth Street Right-Of-Way**
- 4. Parade Permit Dionysus Mardi Parade – March 1, 2013 – Cindy Moreno**
- 5. Resolution No. 11/14 – Resolution of Respect for Dave Thomas**
- 6. Resolution No. 12/14 – Resolution of Respect for Lillian Russo**
- 7. Resolution No. 13/14 – Resolution of Respect for Tommy Bourgeois**
- 8. Nicky Hall – Seeking approval to have a Craft/Farmers Market under bridge**
- 9. Resolution No. 14/14 – U.S. Coast Guard - Fresnel Lens (not published-must expand agenda)**

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 14, 2014

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 14, 2014, at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also present was a representative of KWBJ.

Councilman Duval Arthur led the prayer.

Councilman Troy Lombardo 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 Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo.

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

The Beacon did not shine on anyone for the month of January, 2014.

There were no guests for January, 2014.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of December, 2013. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for December, 2013, were about the same amount written in December 2012. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for December, 2013, were also about the same amount written in December, 2012. Chief Richard also presented the report for the year of 2013. Results were much the same as 2012. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the fire report.

Fire Chief Allen Rink gave the fire report for October stating that the department responded to 21 calls for the month. There were 9 medical calls, 2 false alarms, 2 motor vehicle crashes, and 8 minor fires. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Public Works report.

Public Works Director Rafael Lopez presented the Public Works report. The installation of a drainage pipe on Highway 90 near the Sleep Inn motel is approximately 95% complete. Town crews must clean the ditch along the highway towards the truck stop/casino to complete the project. Town crews have begun on the new wharf on the river near the railroad tracks. The wharf should be complete in about one month. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Councilman Lombardo stated that the vendor had begun installation of the new recreation equipment at the Civic Center. Installation is expected to take three weeks. There were no reports from Anti-Litter, Planning & Zoning and Economic Development committees. Town Engineer Reid Miller stated that the contractor has completed a large portion of the new wharf south of the railroad tracks. It should be completed in 45-60 days. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item #1 on agenda – Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 650 – Crappell's Fish Market Lease. After no questions from the audience or council, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #2 on the agenda – Consider adoption of Ordinance No. 650 – Crappell’s Fish Market Lease. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the ordinance was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Item #3 on the agenda – Consider introduction of Ordinance No. 651 – Accept Sixth Street Right-Of-Way. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Greg Roussel, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda – Parade Permit for Dionysus Mardi Gras Parade. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the parade permit was approved unanimously.

Item #5 on the agenda – Resolution No. 11/14 – Resolution of Respect for Dave Thomas. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded Troy Lombardo, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #6 on the agenda – Resolution No. 12/14 – Resolution of Respect for Lillian Russo. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #7 on the agenda – Resolution No. 13/14 – Resolution of Respect for Tommy Bourgeois. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #8 on the agenda – Nicky Hall – Seeking approval to have a Craft/Farmers Market under the Highway 90 Bridge on the third Saturday of each month. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Greg Roussel, permission was granted. Mayor Pro-Tem Arthur stated that he felt the market should be held closer to the river, rather than near Sixth Street. Mrs. Hall agreed and will hold the market near the river.

Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the agenda was expanded to consider Resolution No. 14/14. The resolution states the town’s objection to the possible relocation of the Fresnel lens in the lobby of the Town Hall to St. George Lighthouse in Florida. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk