



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

January 8, 2008

AGENDA:

Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Edgar Thomas, Damon Robison, Duval Arthur, Penny Crappell, Troy Lombardo

Minutes from last meeting: December 11, 2007

Treasurer's Report

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mayoral Appointments
2. Declare 1997 Mercury Grand Marquis, 1995 Ford F150(#40), 1994 Chevrolet Pickup(#20), 1992 F150(#29), 1996 Dodge Pickup(#24) as surplus property

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 8, 2008

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 8, 2008 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also present were representatives of The Daily Review, and Channel 39.

Councilman Duval Arthur led the prayer.

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, having been reviewed, 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 Damon Robison.

Mayor Ratcliff welcomed guests Sam Jones and Logan Fromenthal. Mr. Jones, newly elected to the state legislature, addressed the council and stated that he would work hard to represent the citizens of Berwick and the Mayor and Council in Baton Rouge. Mr. Fromenthal, newly elected to the St. Mary Parish Council, stated that he was honored to be elected to the position without opposition and looked forward to representing the district on the council.

Chief James Richard presented the police report, a copy of which was included in each of the Councilmen's packets, for the month of December 2007. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for November 2007 were quite a bit higher than December 2006. Chief Richard also compared citations and arrests for 2007 to 2006 and noted that there was a significant increase in traffic citations in 2007. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, Fire Department report.

Fire Chief Francis Fromenthal presented the fire report for December. There were six fire calls during the month. Chief Fromenthal also recapped the fire call for the year, noting that there were 83 calls for the year, with six residential fires. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Public Works report.

A copy of the Public Works Report was included in the packet for each Councilman. Town Superintendent Allen Benoit was available for comment. After no comments, the Mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Town Engineer, Glen Miller, stated that bids for Phase III of Renwick Subdivision were received and opened on December 19, 2007 at 3:00 P.M. There 2 bidders, Sampey General Contractors and Gray Construction. Sampey's bid was \$771,885.71 and Gray's bid was \$884,663.70. The low bid was approximately \$120,000 under the engineering estimate. The town has up to February 19, 2008 to accept the bid or ask for an extension for the contractor. The bids were sent to the finance committee and the committee will report at the February council meeting. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item # 1 on the agenda – Mayoral Appointments. Mayor Ratcliff stated that there will no changes in appointments for 2008.

Item #2 on the agenda – Declare 1997 Mercury Grand Marquis, 1995 F150(#40), 1994 Chevrolet Pickup(#20), 1992 F150(#29) and 1996 Dodge(#24) as surplus property. The town will advertise in the Daily Review.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Penny Crappell, the meeting adjourned.

Louis Ratcliff - Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk