



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**Public Meeting Date: October 11, 2016**

**Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.**

**Place: Council Meeting Room  
3225 Third Street  
Berwick, LA 70342**

**Prayer**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Minutes from last meeting: September 13, 2016**

**Treasurer's Report**

**The Beacon Shines on**

**Guests:**

**Police Report**

**Fire Report**

**Public Works Report**

**Consulting Engineers Report**

**Committee Reports**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**1.**

### **ORDINANCES – INTRODUCE/ADOPT**

**1.**

### **RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

**1. Proclamation No. 01-17 – Red Ribbon Week**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Parade Permit for Atchafalaya Fitness – Spin Class at Lighthouse Park (Tentative date 10/22/16)**
- 2. Approve Holiday Schedule for 2016-17 Fiscal Year**
- 3. Tri-City Track Club – Double Trouble Bridge Run – November 5, 2016 @ 8 AM**
- 4. Domestic Abuse Awareness Month**
- 5. Act on recommendation from Planning & Zoning**

### **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**

**October 11, 2016**

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, October 11, 2016, 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 representatives of The Daily Review and KWBJ.

Councilman Troy Lombardo 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 Greg Roussel.

The Treasurer's report, having been reviewed, was approved without reading upon motion by Jacki Ackel and seconded by Troy Lombardo.

The Beacon did not shine on anyone for October, 2016.

There were no guests for October, 2016.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of September, 2016. Chief Richard stated that the department had two arrests for the Lighthouse Festival, both minor offenses. Arrests and fines were about the same as September, 2015. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, Fire report.

Chief Noonie Rink presented the fire report and stated that they had 25 calls for September, 2016. There were 19 medical calls, 4 auto wrecks, 1 false alarm, and 1 good intent call. Chief Rink also stated that the fire department had a good weekend at the Lighthouse Festival. 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 September, 2016. Town crews are working on many projects at this time. Crews are repairing streets and sidewalks, repairing water leaks, and cutting grass on the highways. A new sewer line on Fairview Drive is 100% complete. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Town Engineer Reid Miller was not present. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Economic Development, Recreation, and Public Safety Committees had nothing to report. Planning & Zoning Director Gary Beadle stated that a public hearing was held and recommended that the mayor and council call for a public hearing on November 8, 2016, to discuss changes to the Town's zoning ordinances. Councilman Jacki Ackel stated that the town has erected one of the signs donated by the Keep St. Mary Beautiful committee and are seeking locations for additional signs. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda.

Item #1 under Resolutions/Proclamations – Proclamation No. 01-17 – Red Ribbon Week. Upon motion by Jacki Ackel and seconded by Damon Robison, the proclamation was approved unanimously. The week of October 21 to October 30, 2016, will be Red Ribbon week in the Town of Berwick.

Item #1 under new business – Parade permit for Atchafalaya Fitness – Spin Class at Lighthouse Park, October 22, 2016. Upon motion Troy Lombardo and seconded by Duval Arthur, the permit was approved unanimously.

**Item #2 under new business – Approve Holiday Schedule for 2016-17 Fiscal Year. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the schedule was approved unanimously.**

**Item #3 under new business – Parade Permit for Tri-City Track Club – Double Trouble Bridge Run. On motion by Jacki Ackel and seconded by Greg Roussel, the permit was approved unanimously. The race will be held on November 5, 2016, at 8 AM.**

**Item #4 under new business – Domestic Abuse Awareness Month. Mayor Ratcliff stated that October is Domestic Abuse Awareness Month. Mayor Ratcliff stated that Domestic Abuse thrives when we are silent, but if we take a stand and work together, we can end domestic violence.**

**Item #5 under new business – Act on recommendation from Planning and Zoning Board concerning amendments to B-1 zoning ordinances. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Greg Roussel, the vote to call a public hearing on November 8 at 7:15 PM was unanimous.**

**There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Greg Roussel, the motion to adjourn was approved unanimously.**

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**Louis Ratcliff – Mayor**

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**Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk**