



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

October 14, 2014

Date of Notice: October 7, 2014

A Public Hearing will be held as follows:

Date: October 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: September 9, 2014

Treasurer's Report

The Beacon Shines on...

Guests: Dean M. Wattigny – Candidate for Judge 16th Judicial District, Division A

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

PUBLIC HEARING @ 7:15

1. Preliminary approval of 16.2 acre tract to develop single family housing residential lots

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCE/ADOPT

1. Take action on preliminary approval of 16.2 acre tract to develop single family housing

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. Resolution No. 1-15 – Support for Constitution Amendments 3 and 10 on November 4, 2014 ballot
2. Proclamation No. 1-15 - Red Ribbon Committee

New Business:

1. Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire
2. Tri-City Track Club – Double Trouble Bridge Run – November 1 @ 8A.M.
3. Authorize Mayor Ratcliff to execute “Seclusion” agreement with FEMA
4. Approve Liquor Permit for Bayou Lagniappe (Pending State approval)

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 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, October 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 and The Daily Review.

Councilman Edgar Thomas led the prayer.

Mayor Pro-Tem Duval Arthur 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 October, 2014.

Guests: Dean Wattigny, candidate for Judge 16th Judicial District. Mr. Wattigny addressed the mayor and council and stated his qualifications for the office and asked for their support. Town bookkeeper Misty Pillaro, gave a brief report on the Tour du Teche Festival that was held on October 5. She stated that there were not as many craft booths as last year, but that the vendors stated that they were pleased with their sales. The food vendors were also pleased with their sales. Representative Sam Jones gave a report on the grants available to the town. He stated that the town's \$1.3 million dollar grant for sewer improvements on Highway 182 and Old Spanish Trail has been approved. He asked that the town prepare a resolution supporting the overlay of Highway 182 from the town limits near Cameron to Highway 90. (See details below) He also stated that Cameron and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development are near an agreement that will provide funds for infrastructure improvements for the proposed expansion of the Cameron/One Sub Sea complex on Highway 182.

Assistant Police Chief David Leonard presented the police report for the month of September, 2014. Assistant Chief Leonard stated that the speeding tickets issued for September, 2014, were about half the amount written in September, 2013. Assistant Chief Leonard stated that arrests for September, 2014, were up from the amount made in September, 2013. Assistant Chief Leonard stated that his department was prepared for the Double Bridge Run on November 1st. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the fire report.

BVFD President Hugo Taylor presented the fire report and stated that they had 36 calls for September, 2014. There were 16 medical assist calls, 1 vehicle accident, 2 good intention calls and 1 false alarm. President Taylor stated that the department was pleased with the jambalaya sales at the Tour du Teche. 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 for September. Town crews are working on many projects at this time. Crews are finishing a parking lot at Pharr Park, a new awning was installed at the Public Works Building to house standby generators, and new

Welcome to Berwick banners were installed on the river front and along Highway 90. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Economic Development and Keep St. Mary Beautiful had nothing to report. Troy Lombardo stated that the recreation committee met, took bids and recommends that a new piece recreation equipment be purchased to replace the pirate ship under the bridge. A purchase order will be issued to the successful bidder. Town Engineer Reid Miller was present, and stated that his firm had started the design phase on the proposed sewer project on Highway 182 and Old Spanish Trail. Jacki Ackel gave a brief report on the upcoming Celebration of Life Festival that will be held on the Saturday, October 25, at 10:00 AM in Berwick. Period costumes, memorability, guest speakers, food and music will be available. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item #1 on the agenda under Public Hearings was a public hearing for preliminary approval of 16.2 acre tract to develop single family housing residential lots. Developer Fernand Privat addressed the mayor and council and stated that he had met with the Renwick Homeowners Association and that his plans are to meet the same standards as the previous five phases of Renwick. He will have the same engineer, Miller Engineers, he would use local contractors and would use a local bank for financing. Briant Dozar, 503 Renwick Boulevard, stated that he was concerned that the additional lots would create more congestion at the intersection of Highway 182 and Renwick Boulevard. Mr. Privat stated that he would address concerns with Miller Engineers. After no other comments from the council or audience, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #1 on the agenda under Ordinances – Introduce/Adopt. Take action on preliminary approval of 16.2 acre tract to develop single family housing residential lots. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Duval Arthur, the preliminary approval was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Item #1 on the agenda under Resolutions/Proclamations – Resolution No. 1-15 – Support for Constitution Amendments 3 and 10 on November 4, 2014 ballot. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #2 on the agenda under Resolutions/Proclamations – Proclamation No. 1-15 – Red Ribbon Week. Jacki Ackel addressed the mayor and council and stated that the week of October 17 to October 26, 2014 has been declared “Red Ribbon Week” in St. Mary Parish. The theme for this year’s campaign is “Be Driven by the Right Decision. Be Drug Free”. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the proclamation was approved unanimously.

Item #1 under New Business – Approve Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Greg Roussel, the questionnaire was approved unanimously.

Item #2 under New Business – Parade permit for Tri-City Track Club for the Double Trouble Bridge Run that will be held on November 1, 2014. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the permit was approved unanimously.

Item #3 under New Business – Authorize Mayor Ratcliff to execute “Seclusion” Agreement between St. Mary Parish and FEMA. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Greg Roussel, Mayor Ratcliff was authorized to execute the agreement unanimously.

Item #4 under New Business – Approve liquor permit for Bayou Lagniappe Restaurant. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Greg Roussel, the license was approved unanimously, pending state approval.

Mayor Ratcliff asked for a motion to expand the agenda to consider approving a resolution supporting the overlay of Highway 182 from the town limits near Cameron, to the Highway 90 Bridge. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Damon Robison, the agenda was expanded to consider the resolution. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the resolution as approved unanimously.

Mayor Ratcliff reminded everyone that early voting begins on Tuesday, October 21 and encouraged everyone to get out and vote. He also stated that Trick or Treat would be on Friday, October 31 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

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

Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk