



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

October 11, 2005

Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.

Prayer:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Edgar Thomas, Elaine Cantrell, Louis Ratcliff, Bill Johnson, Ray Rasberry

Minutes from last meeting: September 13, 2005

Treasurer's Report:

Police Report:

Fire Report:

Public Works Report:

Committee Reports:

Consulting Engineers Report:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolutions for State Capital Outlay

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, 2005

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, 2005 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

There were present: Mayor Emmett Hardaway, and Council members, Edgar Thomas, Louis Ratcliff, Bill Johnson, and Ray Rasberry.

Absent: Elaine Cantrell

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

Mayor Hardaway led the prayer.

Edgar Thomas 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 Honorable Emmett Hardaway, 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, was approved without reading upon motion by Ray Rasberry and seconded by Bill Johnson.

The Treasurer's report, having been reviewed, was approved without reading upon motion by Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Edgar Thomas.

Chief James Richard presented the police report, a copy of which was included in each of the Councilmen's packets, for the month of September, 2005. Chief Richard noted that there had been a decrease in arrests for the same period in 2004.

Chief Ray Rasberry presented the fire report for the month of September, 2005. There were three fire calls for the month with one being a false alarm. Gumbo was held on October 8, 2005. The profit was down about \$1,200 from the previous year, but considering that it had to be rescheduled due to Hurricane Katrina, Chief Rasberry was pleased with the results.

The Public Works report was the next item on the agenda. A copy of this report was included in the packet each Councilman received prior to the meeting. Allen Benoit, Town Superintendent, gave a report on the debris cleanup after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The debris has been cleaned up for Katrina and the cleanup for Rita was nearly finished. Town crews picked up 69 tons for Katrina and up to today, his crews had picked up 69 tons for Rita. Mr. Benoit also praised Cleco for their work in getting power restored to the town during the storm. He also praised the Volunteer Fire Department for their help during the storm. Mayor Hardaway also praised the town crews for their work during and after the Hurricanes. Mayor Pro-Tem Louis Ratcliff praised Gary Beadle for cutting down a tree that was lying on a power line that was causing a power outage in the Golden Farms and Country Club areas.

Carl Jacob presented the consulting engineers report. Mr. Jacob stated that the legislature is now in session and that the Town of Berwick has been awarded \$90,000 in capital outlay funds for a 12" water line Fairview Drive. He stated a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement will need to be processed by the State prior to moving forward on the project. The new pumping station on the Berwick Borrow canal is complete. The natural gas supply has been completed and the pumps have been tested and are online. A dedication ceremony will be scheduled. He has submitted the enhancement projects, lights on the pathway and the downtown development plan, to the state for funding. Renwick Boulevard extension has been designed and final plans are being reviewed. An application for funding was made to the Atchafalaya Basin Program for the Riverfront area. Carl Jakob submitted three resolutions for State Capital Outlay funding. They were: Pattie Drive Ditch enclosure - \$160,800, Front Street Paving from

Canton Street to Pacific Street - \$108,000. The agenda was amended to add another item to the State Capital Outlay for extending and paving Renwick Boulevard to Highway 182 - \$870,000.

Mayor then moved to Item # 1 on the agenda – Resolution for State Capital Outlay Funding. The items were as stated above. Mr. Jakob stated that he did not think that any of the items would be approved due to the destruction caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. He felt like most of the money would be used to rebuild the state. Upon motion by Bill Johnson and seconded by Ray Rasberry, the resolution for Pattie Drive Ditch enclosure was approved unanimously. Upon motion by Ray Rasberry and seconded by Louis Ratcliff, the resolution for paving of Front Street from Canton Street to Pacific Street was approved unanimously. Upon motion Bill Johnson and seconded by Ray Rasberry, the motion for paving and extending Renwick Boulevard to Highway 182 was approved unanimously.

Mayor Hardaway presented Town Engineer Carl Jakob, who was attending his last meeting as Town Engineer, a plaque honoring him for his twenty years of service to the town. He also presented him with a key to the town and thanked him for helping make the Town of Berwick a better place to live. Carl introduced Clay Braud, who will be taking Carl's place and Town Engineer.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion by Ray Rasberry and seconded by Bill Johnson the meeting adjourned.

Emmett Hardaway - Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk