



## **Town of Berwick**

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**October 10, 2006**

**DATE OF NOTICE: October 3, 2006**

**A public hearing will be held as follows:**

**DATE:** October 10, 2006  
**TIME:** 7:15 P.M.  
**PLACE OF MEETING:** Council Meeting Room  
3225 Third Street  
Berwick, LA 70342

**AGENDA:**

**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 12, 2006**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Police Report**  
**Fire Report**  
**Public Works Report**  
**Committee Reports**  
**Consulting Engineers Report**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. 7:15 Public Hearing Ordinance No. 562 – Prohibit Engine Air Brakes**
- 2. Adopt Ordinance No. 562 – Prohibit Engine Air Brakes**
- 3. Resolution – Support of Cleco**
- 4. Red Ribbon Commission – Jackie Ackel**

**Adjournment**

**Newell W. Slaughter, Town Clerk**  
**Town of Berwick**  
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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 10, 2006**

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 10, 2006 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

There were present: Council members, Edgar Thomas, Elaine Cantrell, Louis Ratcliff, Bill Johnson, and Ray Rasberry.

Absent: None

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

Mayor Emmett 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 Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Bill Johnson.

The Treasurer's report, having been reviewed, was approved without reading upon motion by Elaine Cantrell 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, 2006. Chief Richard noted that there had been an increase in the number of tickets written in September 2006 compared to September 2005. Chief Richard presented a report of a meeting held on safe schools for St. Mary Parish. He met with the principals and staffs of the three schools in Berwick. They went over issues and concerns to maintain safe schools. After no comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on the next item on the agenda.

Chief Francis Fromenthal presented the fire report for September. There were 2 fire calls for the month of August, 2006. Chief Fromenthal reminded the citizens to replace the batteries in their smoke detectors. After no further comments, the mayor moved to the next item on the agenda.

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. Mr. Benoit stated that Phase IV of the replacement of the gas main under the BNSF railroad on Thurguson Road was complete and town crews would be tying the line in to existing line this week. He also stated that the annual levy inspection by the Corp of Engineers would be on October 19, 2006 and all of the council was invited to attend. The Boudreaux Street water tower will be closed on Thursday for inspection by Utilities Service Company as part of their annual inspection. It should be returned to service by midnight Thursday or early Friday morning. After no further comments were made from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda.

Gary Beadle, Planning & Zoning Manager, stated that the planning and zoning board met on Wednesday, October 4, 2006, for engineering and final approval of Renwick Phase II subdivision. It met all requirements for final approval. Upon motion by Bill Johnson and seconded by Louis Ratcliff, the subdivision map was approved unanimously.

Clay Braud presented the consulting engineers report. The contractor has completed the majority of the work on the project. The overall project is now approximately 94% complete with 96% of the contract time being used. Payment request number 7 in the amount of \$60,494.53 has been presented to the town for payment. Gulf South Engineers has prepared applications for Transportation Enhancement Program grants for the Town of Berwick. The two projects being proposed are the Seawall Pathway and

Lighting for the Berwick Trail. Gulf South expects to receive comments on the two projects from LDOTD by the beginning of October 2006. Mr. Braud also stated designing the specifications for the replacement of the sewer manhole on Highway 182 near the Wards 5 & 8 sewer lift station is 60% complete. A State Capital Outlay Grant Application is being processed in the amount of \$200,000 to repair sewers on Third Street and Fourth Street. This application is due November 1, 2006.

Mayor then moved to Item # 1 on the agenda – Public Hearing Ordinance No. 562 – Prohibit Engine Air Brakes. There being no comments from the council or audience, the mayor closed the public hearing.

Items # 2 on the agenda – Adopt Ordinance No. 562 – Prohibit Engine Air Brakes. Upon motion by Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Ray Rasberry, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Items # 3 on the agenda – Resolution supporting Cleco. Upon motion by Bill Johnson and seconded by Ray Rasberry, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item # 4 on the agenda – St. Mary Parish Red Ribbon Committee. The Red Ribbon Committee was represented by Parish Councilman Kenny Alfred and asked the council to support a proclamation that the week of October 20 to October 29 as Red Ribbon week. Upon motion by Elaine Carnes and seconded by Bill Johnson, the proclamation was approved unanimously.

Mayor Hardaway congratulated the newly elected council members, Duval Arthur, Damon Robison, Troy Lombardo and Edgar Thomas. He also congratulated Penny Crappell for being in the run-off with Patrick Hebert and wished both of them good luck.

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

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Emmett Hardaway - Mayor

ATTEST:

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Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk