



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

November 12, 2013

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: October 8, 2013

Treasurer's Report

The Beacon Shines on...Charlie Savoie

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Tri-City Track Club – Double Trouble Bridge Run – December 1, 2013 @ 8 A.M.**
- 2. Resolution No. 05-14 – Capital Outlay 13-14 – Sewer Collection System Old Spanish Trail**
- 3. Resolution No. 06-14 – Capital Outlay 13-14 – Reconstruction of Old Spanish Trail**
- 4. Resolution No. 07-14 – Capital Outlay 13-14 – Sewer Rehabilitation**

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**

November 12, 2013

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, November 12, 2013, 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 representatives of The Daily Review and KQKI.

Councilman Greg Roussel led the prayer.

Councilman 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 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 Edgar Thomas.

For the month of November, 2013, the Beacon Shines On former Mayor and Councilman Charlie Savoie. Councilman Troy Lombardo presented Mr. Savoie to the mayor, council and audience and thanked him for his years of service to the Town of Berwick, and St. Mary Parish. Council Lombardo cited his community service as a Town Alderman, Mayor, CAO for St. Mary Parish and Port of Morgan City Director.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of October, 2013. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for October, 2013, were about the same amount written in October 2012. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for October, 2013, were also about the same amount written in October, 2012. Chief Richard stated that his department worked their first homicide since 1992. Working with the St. Mary Sheriff's Department, the case was solved in one week. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the fire report.

Fire Chief Allen Rink gave the fire report for October stating that the department responded to 17 calls for the month. There were 5 medical calls, 2 false alarms, 5 motor vehicle crashes and 5 structure fires. 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. Town crews are currently working on an extension to the walking trail on Gilmore Drive. The current extension will take the trail down Gilmore Drive to Fairview Drive and up on the Atchafalaya River levee and then back down to Fairview Drive. The town has applied for two additional grants that will complete the loop to Renwick Subdivision. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Former Councilwoman Jacki Ackel was present and stated that the St. Mary Parish MADD Chapter will hold their "Top Cop" dinner on Monday, November 18, at The Lamp Post in Franklin at 6:00 P.M. Berwick patrolman Shaun Liner has been nominated for an award. Councilman Lombardo stated that the recreation board will meet on November 13, 2013 at 5:00 P.M. to discuss the purchase of new playground equipment for the Civic Center. There were no reports from Planning & Zoning and Economic Development committees. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item #1 on agenda – Tri-City Track Club – Double Trouble Bridge Run - December 1, 2013 at 8 A.M. Dee Hymel was present to represent the club. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the parade permit was approved unanimously.

Item #2 on the agenda – Resolution No. 05-14 – Capital Outlay 2013-14 – Sewer Collection System on Old Spanish Trail and Highway 182. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the resolution in support of the capital outlay project was approved unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda – Resolution No. 06-14 – Capital Outlay 2013-14 – Reconstruction of Fairview Drive from Pattie Drive to Highway 182. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the resolution in support of the capital outlay project was approved unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda – Resolution No. 07-14 – Capital Outlay 2013-14 – Sewer Rehabilitation. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Damon Robison, the resolution in support of the capital outlay project was approved unanimously.

Mayor Ratcliff reminded everyone that the annual Thanksgiving lighting ceremony will be held on November 28, 2013 at 6 P.M. and that the Christmas Lighting contest will be judged on December 8 and 9, 2013. Mobile Homes will be judged on December 8th and homes on December 9th.

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

Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk