



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

November 8, 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: October 11, 2005

Treasurer's Report:

Police Report:

Fire Report:

Public Works Report:

Committee Reports:

Consulting Engineers Report:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proposal to advertise for bids for Renwick Boulevard Extension
2. Approve liquor license – Charlene's Roadhouse (Charlene Estay)
3. Approve liquor license – Hill City Oil Company
4. Introduce ordinance 552 – provide provisions for billings and non-payment of water, gas and sewer services
5. Discuss pipeline right-of-way – Country Club Estates

Adjournment

Newell W. Slaughter, Town Clerk
Town of Berwick
P.O. Box 486
Berwick, Louisiana 70342
(985) 384-8858

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, please contact Newell W. Slaughter at (985) 384-8858, describing the assistance that is necessary.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF BERWICK, STATE OF LOUISIANA
TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY**

November 8, 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, November 8, 2005 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: None

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 Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Ray Rasberry.

The Treasurer's report, having been reviewed, was approved without reading upon motion by Ray Rasberry and seconded by Elaine Cantrell.

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

Chief Ray Rasberry presented the fire report for the month of October, 2005. There were three fire calls for the month.

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 Rita. Town crews picked up 69 tons for Katrina and also picked up 69 tons for Rita. Mr. Benoit praised the town crew for refinishing the benches in the Council room. Mr. Benoit also stated that the town will assist the fire department in testing the fire hydrants.

Clay Braud presented the consulting engineers report. Mr. Braud 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. Clay Braud 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, Extension of Renwick Boulevard to Highway 182 - \$870,000.

Mayor then moved to Item # 1 on the agenda – Proposal to advertise for bids for Renwick Boulevard extension. Upon motion by Edgar Thomas and seconded by Bill Johnson, the resolution for advertising for bids for Renwick Boulevard extension was approved unanimously.

Item # 2 on the agenda – approve liquor license – Charlene's Road House. Upon motion by Elaine Cantrell and seconded by Louis Ratcliff, the license was approved unanimously.

Item # 3 on the agenda – approve liquor license – Hill City Oil. Upon motion by Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the license was approved unanimously.

Item # 4 on the agenda – introduce ordinance # 552 – provide provisions for billings and non-payment of water, gas and sewer services. Upon motion by Ray Rasberry and seconded by Bill Johnson, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

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