



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

November 14, 2006

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: October 10, 2006

Treasurer's Report

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Committee Reports

Consulting Engineers Report

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Appointments to Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District Board**
- 2. Introduce Ordinance No. 563 – Adopt Building Codes**
- 3. Resolution – Substantial Completion for Renwick Boulevard**
- 4. Proclamation – National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month**
- 5. Frank Morgan – Vicious Dog Ordinance**

Adjournment

Newell W. Slaughter, Town Clerk

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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 14, 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, November 14, 2006 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: Bill Johnson

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 Edgar Thomas.

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 October, 2006. Chief Richard noted that there had been an increase in the number of tickets written in October 2006 compared to October 2005. After no comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on the next item on the agenda.

Mayor Hardaway presented the fire report for October. There was 1 fire call for the month of October, 2006, a minor grass fire. 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. 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 Renwick Boulevard extension. A Substantial Completion inspection was conducted on November 1, 2006. A punch list of items was complied. Payment request number 8 in the amount of \$56,035.62 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 December 2006. Mr. Braud also stated designing the specifications for the replacement of the sewer manhole on Highway 182 near the Wards 5 is complete. A quote for the replacement was received from Larry Fromenthal in the amount of \$40,500. A State Capital Outlay Grant Application was submitted in the amount of \$200,000 to repair sewers on Third Street and Fourth Street. A decision on this application should be made in June 2007.

Mayor then moved to Item # 1 on the agenda – Resolution for appointments to the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal Board. Upon motion by Ray Rasberry and seconded by Elaine Cantrell the resolution was approved unanimously.

Items # 2 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance No. 563 – Adopt Building Codes. Upon motion by Ray Rasberry and seconded by Elaine Cantrell, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Items # 3 on the agenda – Resolution for Substantial Completion for Renwick Boulevard. Upon motion by Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Ray Rasberry, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item # 4 on the agenda – Proclamation National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. The Red Ribbon Committee asked the council to support a proclamation that the month of December, 2006, be declared National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. The proclamation was approved without vote.

Item #5 on the agenda – Frank Morgan- Vicious Dog Ordinance. Mr. Frank Morgan addressed the Mayor and Council concerning Ordinance No. 465. Mr. Morgan stated that he could not afford to register both of his dogs at the same time and requested that he be able to register one dog this week and the other dog next week. He also wanted to be exempted from the enclosure portion of the ordinance stating that dogs were kept inside and were not a threat to the citizens. Mayor Hardaway told Mr. Morgan that he must register both dogs and that he must comply with all portions of Ordinance No. 465. Mr. Morgan thanked the Mayor and Council for their time and stated that he would comply with the ordinance.

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

Emmett Hardaway - Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk