



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

November 13, 2007

Date of Notice: November 6, 2007

A Public Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: November 13, 2007
Time: 7:15 P.M.
Place: 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, Damon Robison, Duval Arthur, Penny Crappell, Troy Lombardo**
- Minutes from last meeting: October 9, 2007**
- Treasurer's Report**
- Guests:**
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- Police Report**
- Fire Report**
- Public Works Report**
- Consulting Engineers Report**
- Committee Reports**

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. 7:15 Public Hearing Ordinance No. 572– Amend Zoning Ordinance for B-1, B-2, B-3**
- 2. 7:15 Public Hearing Ordinance No. 573 – Increase Sewer User Rates**
- 3. Adopt Ordinance No. 572 – Amend Zoning Ordinance for B-1, B-2, B-3**
- 4. Adopt Ordinance No. 573 – Increase Sewer User Rates**
- 5. Discussion of Ordinance No. 260 - air pollution (sandblasting)**
- 6. Resolution – granting engineering approval of Phase III of Renwick Subdivision**
- 7. Consider advertising for bids for Phase III of Renwick Subdivision**
- 8. SWEDI will pick up garbage on Thanksgiving Day**

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 13, 2007

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 13, 2007 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

There were present: Council members, Edgar Thomas, Damon Robison, Duval Arthur, Penny Crappell and Troy Lombardo.

Absent: None

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

Councilman Penny Crappell led the prayer.

Duval Arthur 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, having been reviewed, 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 Damon Robison.

Assistant Chief David Leonard presented the police report, a copy of which was included in each of the Councilmen's packets, for the month of October 2007. Assistant Chief Leonard stated that the speeding tickets issued for October 2007 were quite a bit higher than October 2006. One of the reasons for the increase in tickets was the higher level of scrutiny of the River Road and Gilmore Drive areas. He summarized the accidents and citations that were issued in the month. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, Fire Department report.

Fire Chief Francis Fromenthal presented the fire report for October, 2007. There were 4 calls for the month. The donation of the fire engine should be completed within the month of November. After no further comments, the mayor moved to the next item on the agenda, the Public Works report.

A copy of the Public Works Report was included in the packet for each Councilman. Town Superintendent Allen Benoit was available for comment. The sewer rehab project on Third and Fourth Streets should be completed within the next two weeks. After no further comments, the Mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Town Engineer, Glen Miller, did not have a report for October. Planning and Zoning Director Gary Beadle reported that the Planning and Zoning Board met and gave engineering approval to Phase III of Renwick Subdivision and recommended that the Council give approval to the project. Councilwoman Penny Crappell read a prepared statement thanking all the people responsible for the successful Centennial Celebration. Damon Robison stated that the Economic Development Committee did not meet and he did not have a report for October. Recreation Committee member Mayor Pro-Tem Duval Arthur reported that the two inch water line for watering the baseball fields at Pharr Park had been completed by volunteers from Berwick Dixie Youth Baseball. Patrick Wiley, one of the volunteers who installed the water line, addressed the mayor and council and thanked them for the improvements to Pharr Park. Mr. Wiley stated that opening ceremonies would be held at Pharr Park next baseball season. Mr. Arthur stated that he did not have his report back from LSU concerning the hiring of a full time recreation director. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item # 1 on the agenda – Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 572 – Amend Zoning Ordinance for B-1, B-2, B-3. After no comments from the council or audience, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing for Ordinance No. 572.

Item # 2 on the agenda – Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 573 - Increase Sewer User Rates. After no comments from the council or audience, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing for Ordinance No. 573.

Item # 3 on the agenda – Adopt Ordinance No. 572 – Amend Zoning Ordinance for B-1, B-2, B-3. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Penny Crappell, Ordinance No. 572 was adopted unanimously.

Item # 4 on the agenda – Adopt Ordinance No. 573 – Increase Sewer user rates. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, Ordinance No. 573 was adopted unanimously.

Item # 5 on the agenda – Discuss Ordinance No. 560 – Air Pollution. A problem exists along Cantrell Drive whereas a local business on Front Street, SMI, has caused citizens along Cantrell to experience problems when SMI is sandblasting. Assistant Chief David Leonard stated that SMI had been cited for unlawful emissions into the air on five occasions and were issued citations that resulted in \$240 fines. Town Attorney, Allen McElroy suggested strengthening the ordinance by possibly increasing the amount of the fine. After much discussion, Mayor Ratcliff asked Allen McElroy to research the problem concerning SMI and report back to the council.

Item # 6 on the agenda – Resolution – Grant engineering approval for Phase III of Renwick Subdivision. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #7 on the agenda – Consider advertising for bids for Phase III of Renwick Subdivision. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the council authorized Mayor Ratcliff to meet with Town Engineer Glen Miller to set a date for opening bids.

Item # 8 on the agenda – Mayor Ratcliff stated that SWEDI would be picking up garbage on Thanksgiving Day.

Mayor Pro-Tem offered a motion that was seconded by Penny Crappell showing the council's support for Allen McElroy in his campaign to represent District 50 in the state legislature.

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

Louis Ratcliff - Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk