



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

December 10, 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: November 12, 2013

Treasurer's Report

The Beacon Shines on...Gloria Nini

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Resolution No. 08-14 – 2013-14 LGAP Application**
- 2. St. Mary Council on Aging – Beverly Demengeaux**
- 3. Declare Surplus Property - Playground equipment at Civic Center**
- 4. Re-appoint Jacki Ackel to Berwick Housing Authority Board**
- 5. Consider Introducing Ordinance No. 650 – Crappell's Fish Market Lease**
- 6. Approve Liquor Licenses for 2014:**
 - a. St. Mary Golf & Country Club**
 - b. Ganaway's #4**
 - c. Country Club Express**
 - d. To's Food Mart**
 - e. Woodie's Lighthouse Lounge**
 - f. Hollywood Truck Plaza**
 - g. Hollywood Plaza Casino**
 - h. Stazione's Deli Mar**

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**

December 10, 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, December 10, 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 KWBJ.

Councilman Edgar Thomas led the prayer.

Councilman Damon Robison 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 Greg Roussel.

For the month of November, 2013, the Beacon Shines On former Interim Mayor and Town Clerk Mrs. Gloria Nini. Councilman Damon Robison presented Mrs. Nini to the mayor, council and audience and thanked her for her years of service to the Town of Berwick. Councilman Robison cited her community service as a Town Clerk, Interim Mayor, Utilities Clerk and other duties for the Town of Berwick.

Guests for the month were principals, teachers and students from Berwick's three schools who were honored for being named "A" schools by the Louisiana Department of Education. Present were Dr. Buffy Fegenbush from Berwick High School, Dr. Teresa Bagwell from Berwick Junior High School and Debbie Tompkins from Berwick Elementary. Many students also accompanied the administrators including student of the year for Berwick High School Olivia Gilbert and Berwick Elementary's student of the year Mathew Broussard and Dru Hebert, Berwick Elementary Teacher of the Year.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of November, 2013. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for November, 2013, were about the same amount written in November 2012. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for November, 2013, were also about the same amount written in November, 2012. 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 9 calls for the month. There were 2 medical calls, 3 false alarms, 1 motor vehicle crash, 1 vehicle fire and 2 minor stove 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 completed the Christmas lighting/decorations and the Christmas Lighting Ceremony was a success. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Councilman Lombardo stated that the new recreation equipment had been ordered, but it was delayed due to weather. There were no reports from Anti-Litter, Planning & Zoning and Economic Development committees. Town Engineer Reid Miller stated that work had begun on the dock replacement at the Oregon Street boat launch. It should be completed in 45-60 days. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item #1 on agenda – Resolution No. 08-14 – 2013-14 LGAP Application. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Greg Roussel, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #2 on the agenda – St. Mary Council on Aging – Beverly Domengeaux. Mrs. Domengeaux stated that the Council had served 5,250 meals and had 1,248 visits in 2013. She supplied 5 emergency alert buttons to Berwick residents. The Council will be celebrating “Older Workers Week”, January 12-18, 2014. She is requesting that each municipality nominate an older employee (over 60). A committee will select the Legacy of Achievement Award winner and the winner will be announced at a luncheon on January 17, 2014. The Council will be hosting a Christmas Open House on Saturday, December 14, 2013, from 9:00 to 1:00 PM. at the Franklin Senior Center.

Item #3 on the agenda – Declare Surplus Property – Playground equipment at Civic Center. Upon motion by Greg Roussel and seconded by Damon Robison, the equipment was declared surplus unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda – Re-appoint Jacki Ackel to the Berwick Housing Authority Board. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Edgar Thomas, Mrs. Ackel was re-appointed unanimously.

Item #5 on the agenda – Consider Introducing Ordinance No. 650 – Crappell’s Fish Market Lease. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the lease was approved unanimously.

Item #6 on the agenda – Approve Liquor Licenses for 2014:

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Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the licenses were approved unanimously.

Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, a motion to expand the agenda to consider No 09-14 – Country Club Right-of-Way was approved unanimously. Mayor Pro-Tem Duval Arthur made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Edgar Thomas seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

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

Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk