



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

December 12, 2006

Date of Public Notice: December 5, 2006

A public hearing will be held as follows:

Date: December 12, 2006
Time: 7:15 P.M.
Place of Meeting: 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, Elaine Cantrell, Louis Ratcliff, Bill Johnson, Ray Rasberry
Minutes from last meeting: November 14, 2006
Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Fire Report
Public Works Report
Committee Reports
Consulting Engineers Report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearing Ordinance No. 563 – Adopt Building Codes
2. Adopt Ordinance No. 563
3. Approve Liquor Licenses:
 - a. St. Mary Golf & Country Club
 - b. Ganaway's #4
 - c. My Place
 - d. Country Club Express
 - e. Berwick Civic Center
 - f. Wiggins Seafood
 - g. Foreman's Supermarket
 - h. To's Food Mart
 - i. Charlene's Roadhouse
 - j. Woodie's Lighthouse Lounge
 - k. Hollywood Truck Plaza
 - l. Hollywood Plaza Casino
 - m. Acadian Express #4614
4. Approve request for funding from Wards 5 & 8 Sewer Treatment Facilities

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 12, 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, December 12, 2006 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: None

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

Mayor Emmett Hardaway led the prayer.

Ray Rasberry 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 Ray Rasberry and seconded by Elaine Cantrell.

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 November, 2006. Chief Richard noted that there had been an increase in the number of tickets written in November 2006 compared to November 2005. Chief Richard thanked Mayor Hardaway for having the confidence in him to name him Chief of Police, for his years of service to the town and wished Mayor Hardaway well in his future endeavors. After no comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on the next item on the agenda.

Fire Chief Francis Fromenthal presented the fire report for November. There were 5 fire calls for the month of November, 2006, nothing serious. 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. Allen Benoit, Town Superintendent, thanked outgoing mayor Emmett Hardaway for allowing him to work for the Town of Berwick for the past 14 years and stated what a pleasure it was to work with him. Mr. Benoit stated that Mayor Hardaway would be truly missed by the town and its citizens.

There were no committee reports for the month of November, 2006.

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 is 70% complete. A balancing change order was approved by the council with a net reduction in the contract of \$28,357.89. Applications for Transportation Enhancement Program grants for the Town of Berwick were rejected by the state. The two projects that were proposed are the Seawall Pathway and Lighting for the Berwick Trail. Mr. Braud also stated that a notice to proceed was issued to Larry Fromenthal on November 15, 2006. Mr. Benoit will oversee construction of the manhole. 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 – Public Hearing Ordinance No. 563. With no comments from the audience or council, Mayor Hardaway closed the public hearing and moved on to the next item on the agenda.

Items # 2 on the agenda – Adopt Ordinance No. 563 – Adopt Building Codes. Upon motion by Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Ray Rasberry, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Items # 3 on the agenda – Approve Liquor Licenses. Upon motion by Bill Johnson and seconded by Elaine Cantrell, the liquor licenses were approved unanimously.

Item # 4 on the agenda – Approve funding request from Wards 5 & 8 Sewer. Upon motion by Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the request was approved unanimously.

Louis Ratcliff asked Mayor Hardaway if he could address the council concerning the upcoming swearing-in ceremony on January 7, 2007 at 2:00 PM at the Twin City Gospel Temple. Mayor-elect Ratcliff stated that the public was invited to attend. Mr. Ratcliff also thanked outgoing Mayor Hardaway and outgoing councilmen Bill Johnson, Ray Rasberry and Elaine Cantrell for their years of service to the Town of Berwick. Office employees Addie Adams, Erica Acosta, Brenda Holeman and Katie Rock presented Mayor Hardaway a plaque and thanked him for his 21 years of service to the Town of Berwick. Past councilman Stan Beauboef addressed the Mayor and Council and thanked each one for their service to the town.

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

Emmett Hardaway - Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk