



## Town of Berwick

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

December 11, 2007

#### 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: November 13, 2007

Treasurer's Report

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proclamation – National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month
2. Present Centennial posters to Jackie Ackel and Lisa Russo
3. Appointment to Berwick Development District Board
4. Approve liquor licenses:
  - a. St. Mary Golf & Country Club
  - b. Ganaway's #4
  - c. My Place
  - d. Country Club Express
  - e. Wiggins Seafood
  - f. Foreman's Super Market
  - g. To's Food Mart
  - h. Charlene's Roadhouse
  - i. Woodie's Lighthouse Lounge
  - j. Hollywood Truck Plaza
  - k. Hollywood Plaza Casino
  - l. Acadian Express #4614

#### 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**

**December 11, 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, December 11, 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 Damon Robison 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 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 Edgar Thomas.

The Treasurer's report, having been reviewed, was approved without reading upon motion by Duval Arthur 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 2007. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for November 2007 were quite a bit higher than November 2006. One of the reasons for the increase in tickets was the higher level of scrutiny of the River Road, Mount Street and Gilmore Drive areas. Chief Richard stated that three Berwick Police Officers were honored by the St. Mary Chapter of MADD. Officer David Duhon was Berwick's "TOP COP" with 16 DWI arrests. Officers J.P. Henry and Jesse LaGrange were also honored. 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 was not present, but he furnished information stating that there were no fire calls for the month of November 2007. After no further comments, the mayor moved on 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 has been completed and Mr. Benoit stated that more sewer work was planned for the upcoming year. A new odorant station has been installed and is operational. It should have a useful life of 15-20 years. A new hopper for the street sweeper is being constructed by Hanko's Metal Works. It should be completed in five to six weeks. A new catch basin on Renwick Boulevard is 99% complete. After no further comments, the Mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Town Engineer, Glen Miller, stated that bids for Phase III of Renwick Subdivision will be received and opened on December 19, 2007 at 3:00 P.M. Four bidders have received plans and will submit bids. Planning and Zoning Director Gary Beadle was not present and did not have a report for November. Their next scheduled Planning and Zoning meeting will be in January, 2008. Councilwoman Penny Crappell presented Lisa Russo and Jackie Ackel with a framed Centennial Poster. Mrs. Ackel was not present for the presentation. Damon Robison stated that the Economic Development Committee did not meet and he did not have a report for November. Recreation Committee member Mayor Pro-Tem Duval Arthur did not have a report for November. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item # 1 on the agenda – Proclamation – National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. Mayor Ratcliff stated that after being contacted by the St. Mary MADD chapter he is proclaiming December as National Drunk and Drugged Driving Month.

Item # 2 on the agenda – Present Centennial Posters to Lisa Russo and Jackie Ackel. Jackie Ackel was not able to attend the council meeting, but Mayor Ratcliff and Councilwoman Penny Crappell presented a framed Centennial Poster to Lisa Russo and thanked both ladies for their assistance in making the centennial celebration a success.

Item # 3 on the agenda – Appoint Frank Russo to Berwick Development District Board. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Penny Crappell, the appointment was approved unanimously.

Item # 4 on the agenda – Approve Liquor Licenses:

- a. St. Mary Golf and Country Club
- b. Ganaway's #4
- c. My Place
- d. Country Club Express
- e. Wiggins Seafood
- f. Foreman's Super Market
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Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the motion to approve the above liquor licenses for 2008 were approved unanimously. The approval of Ganaway's #4 was approved pending their receiving a valid health certificate.

Janice Willoughby asking that an old utility pole at 4278 Francis Street be removed. Mayor Ratcliff asked town superintendent Allen Benoit to look into the matter. Ms. Willoughby also asked Mayor Ratcliff to consider appointing a representative from the Town of Berwick to attend the monthly meeting of the Mayor's Committee. Ms. Willoughby stated that the Committee met on the first Thursday of each month at noon at the Louisiana Rehab Services building on Southeast Boulevard in Bayou Vista. Mayor Ratcliff said that he would appoint a representative to attend the next scheduled meeting on January 10, 2008 which will be held at Harbor Seafood Restaurant.

Mayor Ratcliff thanked the council and department heads for their part in helping make the first year of the new mayor and council a success.

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

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Louis Ratcliff - Mayor

ATTEST:

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Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk