



**Town of Berwick**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**December 11, 2012**

**Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.**

**Prayer**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call: Duval Arthur, Jacki Ackel, Troy Lombardo, Damon Robison, Edgar Thomas**

**Minutes from last meeting: November 13, 2012**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Guests:**

**The Beacon Shines On...Emmett Hardaway and Iris Berry**

**Police Report**

**Fire Report**

**Public Works Report**

**Consulting Engineers Report**

**Committee Reports**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Approve Liquor Licenses for 2012:**

- a. St. Mary Golf & Country Club
- b. Ganaway's #4
- c. My Place
- d. Country Club Express
- e. Bee Bee's Seafood
- f. To's Food Mart
- g. Woodie's Lighthouse Lounge
- h. Hollywood Truck Plaza
- i. Hollywood Plaza Casino
- j. Stazione's Deli Mart

**2. Re-appoint Eunice Cunningham to Berwick Housing Authority Board – Five year term to expire December 31, 2018.**

**3. Consider introduction of Ordinance No. 642 – Amend Garbage Pickup Fee**

**4. Approve Partial Request No. 6 to LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC - \$165,473.33 – Renwick Phase V**

**Adjournment**

**Newell 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, 2012**

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, 2012, at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also present were representatives of KWBJ and The Daily-Review.

Councilman Troy Lombardo led the prayer.

Councilman 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 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 Jacki Ackel.

Guests: Beverly Domengeaux – St. Mary Council on Aging & Rick Dugas – Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration. Mrs. Domengeaux thanked the mayor and council for the donation that the town made to the Council on Aging.

For December, 2012, the Beacon Shines On former Mayor Emmett Hardaway and Iris Berry, wife of former Mayor Everett Berry. Mayor Hardaway, who was introduced by current Mayor Louis Ratcliff, served the Town of Berwick for seventeen years as mayor and another four years as a member of the town council. It was under Mayor Hardaway's guidance that the Berwick Development District and Renwick Subdivision were formed. Mrs. Berry, as the wife of former Mayor Berry, was involved in the restoration of the Southwest Reef Lighthouse and the formation of the Everett Berry Lighthouse Park. Councilwoman Jacki Ackel introduced Mrs. Berry.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of November, 2012. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for November, 2012, were about the same amount written in November 2011. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for November, 2012, were also about the same amount written in November, 2011. He also reported that the police department had received the radar trailer that was provided for in the 2012-13 budget. The trailer will be used in various locations around town. The trailer can also serve as an emergency announcement board. Chief Richard also spoke of bear siting in the River Road area. He cautioned residents to not confront the bears and advised them to call the police department for assistance. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the fire report.

CAO Newell Slaughter presented the fire report for November, 2012. The department worked seventeen calls for the month: 4 vehicle crashes, 7 medical assistance calls, 2 false fire alarms, and 4 good intention calls. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Public Works report.

Town Superintendent Allen Benoit presented the Public Works report. Councilman Robison asked Mr. Benoit if the grant the town received that will make improvements to the Boudreaux/Gilmore drainage ditch will include the closure of the ditch. Mr. Benoit stated that the plans for the ditch improvements have not been finalized. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Town Engineer Reed Miller stated that construction on Phase V of Renwick will be 90% complete. Water, gas and sewer are 100% complete. The contractor is set to start on sidewalks and curb and gutter. Councilman Troy Lombardo stated that the recreation committee met and discussed shade tarps at the Civic Center and possible improvements to Willie Steward Park. There were no other reports for the month. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

**1. Item # 1 on the agenda – Approve Liquor Licenses for 2013:**

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Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the licenses were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Item #2 on the agenda – Re-appoint Eunice Cunningham to the Berwick Housing Authority Board. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded Edgar Thomas, Mrs. Cunningham was appointed unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda – Consider introduction of Ordinance No. 642 – Amend garbage pickup rates. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Duval Arthur, the ordinance was introduced unanimously and a public hearing will be held on January 8, 2013 at 7:15 P.M.

Item #4 on the agenda – Approve Partial Request No. 6 to LA Contracting, LLC. - \$165,473.33 – Renwick Phase V. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Duval Arthur the request for payment was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Ratcliff called for the council to consider expanding the agenda to approve Resolution No. 02-13. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the council voted unanimously to expand the agenda. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Jacki Ackel, Resolution No. 02-13 was approved unanimously. The resolution will allow the town to apply for a CWEF grant which will be used to purchase approximately 200 radio read water meters. These meters will be installed on Francis and Pharr Streets.

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

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Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

ATTEST:

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Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk