



Town of Berwick

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
December 14, 2004**

Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.

Prayer:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Ed Thomas, Elaine Cantrell, Louis Ratcliff, Bill Johnson, Ray Rasberry

Minutes from last meeting: November 9, 2004

Treasurer's Report:

Police Report:

Fire Report:

Public Works Report:

Committee Reports:

Consulting Engineers Report:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Approve Liquor Licenses:**
 - a. Atchafalaya Seafood Restaurant
 - b. Berwick Civic Center
 - c. Country Club Express – Barbara Kimble
 - d. Berwick Mini Mart
 - e. Corner Store
 - f. Ganaway #4 – Lee Cat
 - g. My Place
 - h. Ms. Lil's
 - i. St. Mary Golf & Country Club
 - j. Stix Sports Bar
 - k. To's Food Mart, Inc.
 - l. Woodie's Lighthouse Lounge, LLC
- 2. Resolution – Appointing Newell Slaughter as contact person with state regarding new storage shed.**
- 3. Advertise for bids on new public works building.**
- 4. Morgan City Port Commission request for funds.**
- 5. Cory Oldfather – Eagle Scout Project**
- 6. Resolution of Respect – Chester "C" Guidroz**

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 14, 2004

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 14, 2004 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

There were present: Mayor Emmett Hardaway, and Councilmen, Bill Johnson, Ray Rasberry, Louis Ratcliff, Elaine Cantrell and Edgar Thomas, Jr.

Absent: None

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

Mayor Hardaway led the prayer.

Edgar Thomas, Jr. 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 Elaine Cantrell and seconded by Ray Rasberry.

The Treasurer's report, having been reviewed, was approved without reading upon motion by Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Bill Johnson

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 2004. Chief Richard stated that everything was going well. Mayor Hardaway commended Officer Duhon and Officer Arnold for their awards from Mother's Against Drunk Driving. The Mayor also commended KQKI for their work with MADD. Councilman Rasberry thanked Chief Richard for the help of Officer David Duhon when he had a medical emergency at his home.

Chief Garrett Guillot presented the fire report, a copy of which was included in each of the Councilmen's packets for the month of November 2004. There were three calls for the month of November. Mayor asked if the fire department had been reimbursed for the expense of the fire at the Texaco Plant. Chief Guillot stated that he had not, but he expected to be reimbursed soon.

The 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. Councilman Thomas commended the Town crews for the work done on the River Road sidewalk projects. Mr. Benoit stated that the work was actually performed by JinC Concrete and that the work had been completed on December 13, 2004. Mr. Benoit stated that the next phase of the sidewalk project would begin at the "S" curve and continue on to Ceylon Street. Councilman Johnson asked if the town crews could do some maintenance work on the Pony League field. Mr. Benoit stated that the field would be ready for play in March. There will also be one additional bridge installed on the Walking Trail on Highway 182 in January.

The Berwick Planning Commission recommended that the Council waive the public hearing and approve the application by Berwick Land Company to subdivide two lots on Old Spanish Trail. It has been confirmed that utilities are available. The property mentioned is just to the east of Todd Kirkpatrick's property. On motion by Ray Rasberry and seconded by Bill Johnson the application was approved unanimously.

Gulf South Engineers' monthly report was included in the packet, which each Councilman received prior to the meeting. Carl Jacob stated that the Town had received the cooperative endeavor

agreement from the State of Louisiana and that work could proceed on the new public works storage building. Mr. Jacob also stated that work was continuing on the Hollywood Truck Stop project in West Berwick. The water and gas lines have been installed and crews were progressing on the installation of the sewer lift station and that by the end of January the utilities should be completed. Work on the Borrow Canal Pump Station was approximately 50% complete for the Wax Lake Drainage District. Pumps should be in by the end of February. Councilman Ratcliff stated the Wax Lake East Drainage District had an election for the renewal of 3.2 mil tax for operations and maintenance on January 15 and asked for the support of the Mayor and Council. On motion by Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Edgar Thomas the motion carried unanimously.

Item number one on the agenda called for the approval of Liquor Licenses for 2005. Upon approval by Chief James Richard the following licenses were approved:

- a. Atchafalaya Seafood Restaurant
- b. Berwick Civic Center
- c. Country Club Express
- d. Berwick Mini Mart
- e. Corner Store
- f. Ganaway #4
- g. My Place
- h. Ms. Lil's
- i. St. Mary Golf and Country Club
- j. Stix Sports Bar
- k. To's Food Mart, Inc.
- l. Woodie's Lighthouse Lounge, LLC

Item number two on the agenda was a resolution to appoint Newell "Bubba" Slaughter as contact person with the State of Louisiana regarding the construction of a new public works storage building. Upon motion by Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Bill Johnson, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item number three on the agenda was a motion to advertise for bids on the new public works storage building. Upon motion by Bill Johnson and seconded by Ray Rasberry the motion was approved unanimously. Bids are due by January 26, 2005.

Item number four on the agenda was a request for funding by the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District. Mayor apologized to the Council for not taking action on the item at November's meeting. Councilmen Ratcliff and Thomas felt like the Town of Berwick needed to join the effort to support the dredging of the Atchafalaya River. Rev. Lee Lamury addressed the council and voiced his support for the project. Mayor Hardaway stated that the town would take a look at the proposal after the first of the year and decide upon the amount of the contribution to the port. Town Clerk Newell "Bubba" Slaughter will send a letter to the Port Commission voicing the support from the Town of Berwick.

Item number five on the agenda was a request by Cory Oldfather, a member of Troup 12, to paint the address on the curb of homes in Country Club subdivision as an Eagle Scout project. The project would consist of painting a black box and the curb and placing white numbers within the box. Cory asked if he needed permission for the individual home owners to paint the numbers. Mayor Hardaway stated he did not need their approval, but it would probably be a good idea to get permission from each home owner. Mayor Hardaway stated that he would like Public Works Superintendent Allen Benoit to look at his plan.

Item number six on the agenda was a resolution of respect for Mr. Chester "C" Guidroz. Mr. Guidroz was a past Town of Berwick councilman and a local business man for many years.

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

Emmett Hardaway, Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter, Town Clerk