



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

January 8, 2013

Date of Notice: January 2, 2013

A Public Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: January 8, 2013
Time: 7:15 P.M.
Place: Council Meeting Room
3225 Third Street
Berwick, LA 70342

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: December 11, 2012

Treasurer's Report

Guests:

The Beacon Shines On...Chris Fabre and Erika Laine

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 642 – Amend Garbage Pickup Fee**
- 2. Consider Adoption of Ordinance No. 642 – Amend Garbage Pickup Fee**
- 3. Approve Partial Payment Request No. 7 to LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC - \$135,261.78 – Renwick Phase V**
- 4. Approve Partial Payment Request No. 8 & No. 9 to Miller Engineers \$15,036.76 – 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**

January 8, 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, January 8, 2013, at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: None

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

Councilman Damon Robison 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: None

For January, 2013, the Beacon Shines On Town of Berwick employees Chris Fabre and Erika Laine. Mr. Fabre and Miss Laine were introduced by Mayor Pro-Tem Duval Arthur. Even though it was the first year for Erika to be responsible for the decorations, she did an outstanding job with a great contribution from Chris and other town employees.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of December, 2012. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for December, 2012, were about the same amount written in December 2011. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for December, 2012, were also about the same amount written in December, 2011. Chief Richard also stated that tickets and arrests for 2012 were about the same as previous years. He also reported that the new radar trailer has been stationed at various locations around town with good results. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the fire report.

Chief Allen Rink presented the fire report for December, 2012. The department worked twelve calls for the month: 2 vehicle crashes, 3 medical assistance calls, 3 structure fires, and 4 good intention calls. Mayor Pro-Tem Duval Arthur informed Chief Rink that a grant was available for hand held radios and that he would get the necessary information to him so that he could apply. 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. Mr. Benoit stated that due to the rain that we have been experiencing, some projects have not been completed. The walking trail reconstruction on Highway 182 should be completed by the end of January, weather permitting. 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 complete with the exception of a few items by the end of February. A punch list of items remaining to be completed will be available by the February 12th council meeting. 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.

Item # 1 on the agenda – Public hearing for Ordinance No. 642 – Amend garbage pickup fee. After no comments from the audience or council, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #2 on the agenda – Consider adoption of Ordinance No. 642 – Amend garbage pickup fee. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the ordinance was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Item #3 on the agenda – Approve partial payment No. 7 to LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC - \$135,261.78 – Renwick Phase V. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the payment was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Item #4 on the agenda – Approve Partial Request No. 8 & 9 to Miller Engineers \$15,036.76 – Renwick Phase V. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Edgar Thomas 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. 03-13. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the council voted unanimously to expand the agenda to consider Resolution No. 03-13. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Jacki Ackel, Resolution No. 03-13 was approved unanimously. The resolution will allow the town to employ special counsel for matters involving tax issues and potential claims against BP, plc and others arising from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in April, 2010.

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

Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk