



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

February 11, 2014

Date of Notice: February 4, 2013

A Public Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: February 11, 2014
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, Troy Lombardo, Damon Robison, Greg Roussel, Edgar Thomas

Minutes from last meeting: January 14, 2014

Treasurer's Report

The Beacon Shines on...

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 651 – Accept Sixth Street Right-Of-Way**
- 2. Consider Adoption of Ordinance No. 651 – Accept Sixth Street Right-Of-Way**
- 3. Approve liquor permit for – Three Brothers Seafood (Pending receipt of State of Louisiana permit)**

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**

February 11, 2014

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, February 11, 2014, at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also present was a representative of KWBJ.

Councilman Troy Lombardo led the prayer.

Councilman Damon Robison 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 Damon Robison.

The Treasurer's report, having been reviewed, was approved without reading upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo.

The Beacon did not shine on anyone for the month of February, 2014.

Guests for the meeting were St. Mary Parish President Paul Naquin and St. Mary Council on Aging representative Beverly Domengeaux. Mr. Naquin attended the meeting to give an update on Representative Sam Jones' condition following triple bi-pass heart surgery. He stated that Mr. Jones was doing well and recuperating in a hospital in Alexandria, La. Mrs. Domengeaux was attending to show support to the Town of Berwick.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of January, 2014. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for January, 2014, were about the same amount written in January, 2013. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for January, 2014, were also about the same amount made in January, 2013. Chief Richard also stated that his men are preparing for the Dionysus Mardi Gras Parade which will be held on March 1, 2014. He also stated that his department did not experience any problems related to the cold weather. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the fire report.

Fire Chief Allen Rink gave the fire report for January stating that the department responded to 12 calls for the month. There were 5 medical calls, 3 false alarms, 2 motor vehicle crashes, and 2 mutual aide calls. Chief Rink stated that his men were really busy during the cold weather event. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Public Works report.

Public Works Director Rafael Lopez presented the Public Works report. The installation of a drainage pipe on Highway 90 near the Sleep Inn motel is approximately 100% complete. Town crews must clean the ditch along the highway towards the truck stop/casino to complete the project. Town crews have begun work on the new wharf on the river near the railroad tracks. The wharf should be complete in about one month. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Councilman Lombardo stated that the installation of the new recreation equipment at the Civic Center is nearly 100% complete. Town crews will install new mulch when the installation is complete. There is a recreation committee meeting on February 12, 2014, to discuss future plans. There were no reports from Anti-Litter, Planning & Zoning and Economic Development

committees. Town Engineer Reid Miller did not attend the meeting, but told Town CAO Newell Slaughter that the wharf project at the Oregon Street Boat Launch was nearing completion and that the change order to include new cluster pilings had been approved by the St. Mary Parish Council. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item #1 on the agenda – Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 651 – Accept Sixth Street Right-Of-Way from the State of Louisiana. Mayor Ratcliff recognized Perry Toups, Jr., whose residence is 2670 Sixth Street, who stated that their family had documents showing that they own the property in question. He also stated that citizens could access property along Hoskins Ditch from River Road/ Rose Street. Mayor Ratcliff stated that the town was securing the right-of-way for utilities already located on the property and to complete the right-of-way along Hoskins Ditch. The town had previously secured rights-of-way along Hoskins Ditch from the end of Sixth Street to Berwick South Road. Councilman Robison added that the town is not taking/buying the land, only securing a road/utilities right-of-way. After no other comments from the audience or council, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #2 on the agenda – Consider adoption of Ordinance No. 651 Accept Sixth Street Right-Of-Way from the State of Louisiana. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the ordinance was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Item #3 on the agenda – Approve liquor permit for Three Brothers Seafood (Pending receipt of State of Louisiana permit). Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the permit was approved unanimously, pending approval by the State of Louisiana.

Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Damon Robison, the agenda was expanded by unanimous voice vote to consider Resolution No. 16-14. The resolution states the U.S. Coast Guard is willing to grant the Town of Berwick rights and use and possession of the Fresnel lens currently on display at the Berwick Town Hall. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the resolution was approved by unanimous vote.

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