



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

February 10, 2015

Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jacki Ackel, Duval Arthur, Troy Lombardo, Damon Robison, Greg Roussel

Minutes from last meeting: January 13, 2015

Treasurer's Report

The Beacon Shines on...St. Mary Parish Middle School Student of the Year – Natalie Bourgeois

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

PUBLIC HEARINGS @ 7:15

1.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCE/ADOPT

1.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1.

New Business:

1.

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**

February 10, 2015

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 10, 2015, at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also present was a representative of KWBK and The Daily Review.

Councilman Damon Robison led the prayer.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jacki Ackel 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 Jacki Ackel and seconded by Greg Roussel.

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

The Beacon Shined on St. Mary Parish Middle School Student of the year, Natalie Bourgeois. Natalie is the daughter of Gerard and Ruth Bourgeois.

Guests: There were no guests for February, 2015.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of January, 2015. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for January, 2015, were about half the amount written in January, 2014. Chief Richard stated that the town is now part of Copsync 911, an alert system that will notify the Berwick PD of any emergency that occurs at a public school in St. Mary Parish. Private schools are not currently part of the system. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the fire report.

Lt. M. Taylor presented the fire report and stated that they had 38 calls for January, 2015. There were 24 medical assist calls, 5 vehicle accidents, 4 good intention calls, 2 fires (1 mutual aid) and 2 standbys. 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 for January. Town crews are working on many projects at this time. Crews are repairing streets and sidewalks, cutting grass on the highways and other projects. Construction of the gazebo on the river has begun with construction estimated to take 2-3 months. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Town Engineer Reid Miller was present and stated that the design phase on the proposed sewer project on Highway 182 and Old Spanish Trail is 90% complete and should be completed by the March council meeting. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Gary Beadle stated that Planning and Zoning had nothing to report. Troy Lombardo stated that the recreation committee will meet on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 to discuss the construction of the gazebo on the Atchafalaya River. Jacki Ackel stated that a meeting will be held in March for the Anti-Litter Committee and local leaders will be invited to attend. There was no report for Economic Development. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item #1 under New Business – No new business on the agenda, but Mayor called for a motion to expand the agenda to consider re-appointing Mr. Joe Cain to the Morgan City Harbor & Terminal District. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the motion to expand was approved by unanimous roll call vote. Damon Robison then made a motion to re-appoint Joe Cain. The motion was seconded by Duval Arthur. Mr. Cain was re-appointed by unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jacki Ackel reminded that Lighthouse Weekend has been scheduled for August 15-16, 2015.

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

Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk