



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

February 13, 2007

AGENDA:

Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.
Prayer
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Edgar Thomas, Damon Robison, Duval Arthur, Penny Crappell, Troy Lombardo
Minutes from last meeting: January 9, 2006
Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Fire Report
Public Works Report
Committee Reports
Consulting Engineers Report

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Appoint Addie Adams Deputy Town Clerk**
- 2. Appoint Mark Landry, Shane Mayon, Charlie Roy, Jr. to Recreation Committee**
- 3. Declare surplus equipment**
- 4. Waterline Extension – Fairview Drive**
- 5. Patterson Cypress Sawmill Queens – Kristen Chauvin & Lacey Angeron**

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 13, 2007

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 13, 2007 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: None

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Duval Arthur led the prayer.

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 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, having been reviewed, 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 Edgar Thomas and seconded by Duval Arthur.

Chief James Richard presented the police report, a copy of which was included in each of the Councilmen's packets, for the month of January, 2007. Chief Richard stated that the report for January, 2007 was very similar to January 2006. After no comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on the next item on the agenda.

Fire Chief Francis Fromenthal presented the fire report for December. There was 6 fire calls for the month of January, 2007, nothing serious. After no further comments, the mayor moved to the next item on the agenda.

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. Town Superintendent Allen Benoit stated that his crews are 100% complete with installing the conduit for the electrical service for the new lots along Renwick Boulevard extension. He also stated that Cleco will probably be finished installing lighting along the extension by February 16, 2007. Installation of street signs is complete. Mr. Benoit stated that the road should be ready for traffic by Saturday, February 17. Installation of a drainage pipe along the new section of Renwick Boulevard is 100% complete. River stage is falling, and he is monitoring the level to prepare to close river gates if necessary. Work on the baseball and softball fields is in progress and the fields should be ready for the start of the season. The town purchased a new tractor driven pump for the Golden Farms pump station to help maintain safe levels during rain events. Mr. Benoit is getting bids to resurface some major intersections around town. He should have the estimates by the March meeting. The emergency repair to the sewer manhole on Highway 182 is 100% complete. After no further comments were made from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda.

The mayor then moved on to committee reports. First report was from the Centennial Committee by Jackie Ackel and Lisa Russo. Ms. Russo stated that the committee had t-shirts, posters and yard signs for sale for the 100 year celebration. They are also working to get the schools involved in the celebration. One event that is planned is a Fourth of July fun walk, named Miles of Memories, on the walking trail that would end at the Civic Center. An ice cream social will follow the walk. On Saturday, October 13, 2007, an old time picnic will be held at the Civic Center. Games, activities, food and a history fair are

planned. Next was the Anti-Litter Committee report by Penny Crappell. The committee is in the awareness phase and the first weekend of March there will be a zero tolerance campaign on littering in St. Mary Parish. Law enforcement agencies will be issuing tickets to citizens that litter. She asked the community's cooperation in keeping the Town of Berwick litter free. Mayor Ratcliff stated that the State of Louisiana had agreed to clean the Highway 90 Bridge once a month. Next committee report was from the Economic Development Committee by Damon Robison. He stated the committee was in the organizational stage. They were gathering information about how businesses contacted the town about locating in Berwick and if utility services were available. They have another meeting scheduled for the 12th of March. Next report was from the Recreation Committee by Duval Arthur. The committee has not met and he is finalizing the members of the committee. He felt that the Pharr Park field would not be suitable for playing this year and the games would be played in Bayou Vista. Next was the planning and zoning report by Gary Beadle. Mr. Beadle stated that the Planning and Zoning Board met last week and received two requests for preliminary approval. Mr. Beadle took the second request from Berwick LLC for a ten acre track. He stated that the subdivision met all the requirements for the Planning and Zoning Committee. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the recommendation was approved unanimously. The next request was by Dreamscape Developers for River Bend Estates subdivision. Mr. Beadle said the subdivision met all the requirements for preliminary approval. Councilman Damon Robison stated that he had some concerns about the recreation area for the planned development. Mr. Robison was concerned about the commercial businesses that were planned for the area. He stated that the area was zoned R-1 residential and his concern was that if the council approved the preliminary plans for the subdivision that they would be giving them the approval for rezoning the property. Mr. Beadle assured him that would not be the case. The developers would have to appear before the planning and zoning board for rezoning the property. Mr. Robison's next concern was the dredging of a 41 acre lake. He felt like the dredging of the lake would result in the loss of 41 acres of the most prime real estate in the Town of Berwick. He is concerned that the Town of Berwick will be left with a half finished subdivision and a massive hole and did not want to see that happen. He felt like this subdivision was not the best use of land in the Town of Berwick. Ms. Melinda LeLeux, the developer, asked to address the council stated the people of the area wanted water front property and the only way to satisfy that need was to develop like Dreamscape was trying to do. She stated that this type of development was not available in this area. She stated that the land that would be removed from the subdivision would be used by the Corp of Engineers to improve the levees in the area. After much discussion, the Council, on motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Troy Lombardo, voted to send the application back to the Planning and Zoning Board for more information.

Glen Miller, with Glen Miller and Associates, stated that he did not have a Consulting Engineering report for January.

Mayor Ratcliff then moved to Item # 1 on the agenda – Appoint Addie Adams Deputy Town Clerk. Upon motion by Edgar Thomas and seconded by Duval Arthur, the appointment was approved unanimously.

Item # 2 on the agenda – Appoint Mark Landry, Shane Mayon, and Charlie Roy, Jr. to the Recreation Committee. There being no need for a motion, the mayor moved to the next item on the agenda.

Item # 3 on the agenda – Declare Surplus Property. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded Penny Crappell, the motion was approved unanimously.

Item # 4 on the agenda – Water line extension on Fairview Drive. The first phase will be a survey of the right of way in that area. There will be a report at next month's meeting detailing the project and cost estimates.

Item # 5 on the agenda – Cypress Sawmill Festival Queens. Teen Queen Lacey Angeron invited the mayor and council to attend the event.

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

Louis Ratcliff - Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk



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NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Hear Committee Report from Planning and Zoning concerning preliminary approval for River Bend Estates.**

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The Mayor and Council of the Town of Berwick, State of Louisiana, met in special session at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall, Berwick, Louisiana, Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: None

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

Councilman Damon Robison led the prayer.

Edgar Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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The minutes of the previous meeting, having been reviewed, were approved without reading upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Penny Crappell.

Mayor Ratcliff then moved to Item # 1 on the agenda – Hear Committee report from Planning and Zoning Director Gary Beadle concerning preliminary approval for the Riverbend Estates Subdivision. Mr. Beadle stated that the proposed subdivision met all of the requirements for preliminary approval. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Penny Crappell, the preliminary approval was approved unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned.

Louis Ratcliff - Mayor

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Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk