



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

February 9, 2010

AGENDA:

Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Duval Arthur, Penny Crappell, Troy Lombardo, Damon Robison, Edgar Thomas

Minutes from last meeting: January 12, 2010

Treasurer's Report

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Patterson Cypress Sawmill Festival Queens – Brittany Breaux and Kaitlin Craddock**

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 9, 2010

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 9, 2010 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: Duval Arthur

Also present were representatives of The Daily Review, KQKI and KWBJ.

Councilwoman Penny Crappell led the prayer.

Councilman Troy Lombardo 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 Damon Robison and seconded by Troy Lombardo.

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

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of January, 2010. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for January, 2010 were higher than January, 2009. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for January 2010 were slightly higher than January 2009. Chief Richard stated that his department was ready for the upcoming Krewe of Dionysus parade on February 13. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Fire Department report.

Fire Chief Wayne LaCoste was not available to deliver his report, but Mayor Ratcliff stated that there were two fire calls for January, with one being a false alarm. 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 town crews have begun installation of the 12" water pipe for the new water intake line for the water plant. The project should take between 3-5 weeks to complete, depending on weather conditions. The rehabilitation of the wharf between Crappell's Seafood and the Old Basin Marine building has begun. The contractor drove some test piles and should complete the project within the next month. After no comments, the Mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Gary Beadle, Planning and Zoning Director, stated that the Planning and Zoning Board met and elected officers. Jeff Faganbush was elected Chairman, James Richard was elected Vice Chairman and Roland Guidroz was elected Secretary. The Economic Development committee did not meet. The anti-litter committee met and they have applied for another \$10,000 grant to add two recycling bins. They have also erected 3 new anti-litter signs at the entrances to St. Mary Parish. The Blighted Property Committee met with Town Attorney Allen McElroy and asked him to make some changes to the existing ordinance. Mr. McElroy will report back to the committee when he has made the requested changes. Recreation advisory committee chairman Penny Crappell gave a brief report on the basketball and pickleball league. Basketball league play has begun and there will be fourteen teams participating this year. Pickleball is still going well and the new roof for the water fountain and mister on the walking trail has been installed. Mrs. Crappell asked for help from the town superintendant to fill the sand area at the civic center with top soil. The "Relay for Life" fund raiser for cancer has been moved from Morgan City

to Berwick and will be held at Berwick High School football stadium on May 1, 2010. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item #1 on the agenda – Patterson Cypress Sawmill Festival Queens – Brittany Breaux and Kaitlin Craddock. The two queens along with David Boudier addressed the mayor and council and invited them to attend the Cypress Sawmill Festival which will be held April 9-11. They were also invited to attend the Queens luncheon on March 20 which will be held at the Bayou Vista Civic Center.

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

Louis Ratcliff - Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk