



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

March 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: February 10, 2015

Treasurer's Report

The Beacon Shines on...

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

PUBLIC HEARINGS @ 7:15

1. None

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCE/ADOPT

1. None

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. Resolution No. 09-15 – Community Water Enrichment Fund 2014-15 - \$35,000
2. Resolution No. 10-15 – St. Mary Parish School Board property tax support
3. Proclamation No. 02-15 – Berwick Celebration
4. Resolution No. 11-15 – Establish moratorium on subdivision development

New Business:

1. Lynn Liner – Miles Liner 5K run – April 25, 2015
2. Connie Castille – Teche Project
3. Call for Public Hearing for Fairview Subdivision
4. Call for Public Hearing for River Bend Subdivision

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**

March 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, March 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 KWBJ and The Daily Review.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jacki Ackel led the prayer.

Councilman Duval Arthur 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 Damon Robison.

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

The Beacon Shined on retired Berwick High School Band Director Walter Shepherd. Councilman Lombardo presented Mr. Shepherd to the Mayor, Council and audience.

Guests: Beverly Domengeaux, School Board Member Mike Taylor, Parish President Paul Naquin and Ryan Aucoin. Mrs. Domengeaux did not speak to mayor and council. Mr. Taylor spoke to the mayor and council asking them to support the maintenance tax renewal that will be on the ballot March 28, 2015. Mr. Naquin asked the mayor and council for support for the road tax millage that will also be on the ballot March 28. Mr. Aucoin spoke to the mayor and council on behalf of the Keep St. Mary Beautiful Committee. He invited everyone to participate in a litter event that will be held on Friday, March 13, 2015 at Drinkwater Products which is located on Highway 182 in Centerville.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of February, 2015. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for February, 2015, were about half the amount written in February, 2014. Chief Richard stated that his department is ready for the start of the baseball and softball seasons and will increase patrols in those areas. 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 presented the fire report and stated that they had 32 calls for February, 2015. There were 25 medical assist calls, 2 vehicle accidents, 2 good intention calls, 2 fires (1 oven fire and 1 trash fire) and 1 false alarm. 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 February. 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 be 80% complete. 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 complete and a meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 13. Plans will be reviewed and forwarded to Facility Planning and Control in Baton

Rouge. He is also working on Right of Ways and our permit is in the Corp of Engineers hands awaiting approval. 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 reported that the board met and recommended that the Mayor and Council call for public hearing for the proposed Fairview and River Bend Subdivisions. Troy Lombardo stated that the recreation committee will meet on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 to discuss the construction of the gazebo on the Atchafalaya River, which is nearing completion and a multi-purpose building. There was no report for Economic Development, Budget/Finance, Public Safety, or Wharf Committees. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item #1 under Resolutions/Proclamations – Resolution No. 09-15 – Community Water Enrichment Fund. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Duval Arthur, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #2 under Resolutions/Proclamations – Resolution No. 10-15 – St. Mary Parish School Board property tax support. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #3 under Resolutions/Proclamations – Proclamation No. 02-15 – Berwick Celebration. Upon motion by Jacki Ackel and seconded by Duval Arthur, the proclamation proclaiming October to be annually observed as “Celebrate Berwick” month was approved unanimously.

Item #4 under Resolutions/Proclamations – Resolution No. 11-15 – Establish moratorium on subdivision development. After much discussion, Troy Lombardo made a motion to approve the resolution. Duval Arthur seconded the motion. The resolution was approved by a vote of 4-1. Councilman Robison voted no.

Item #1 under New Business – Lynn Liner – Miles Liner 5K Run. The run will be held on April 25, 2015. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Greg Roussel, the permit was approved unanimously.

Item #2 under New Business – Connie Castille – Teche Project. Mrs. Castille addressed the mayor and council and informed them that Bayou Teche Project is to promote the ecology, culture and history of Bayou Teche. They also promote Bayou Teche Paddle Trail, which includes the Lower Atchafalaya River, which will take you from Port Barre to Berwick. Bayou Teche has been designated as a National Water Trail. Mrs. Castille presented the town with a certificate acknowledging that Berwick is part of the Teche Project and National Water Trail Project.

Item #3 on the agenda – Call for public hearing on April 14, 2015 for Fairview Subdivision. Upon motion by Greg Roussel and seconded by Jacki Ackel, the call for a public hearing was approved unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda – Call for public hearing on April 14, 2015 for River Bend Subdivision. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Greg Roussel, the call for a public hearing was approved unanimously.

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

Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk