



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

March 8, 2016

Date of Notice: March 1, 2016

A Public Hearing will be held as follows:

Date: March 8, 2016
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: Jacki Ackel, Duval Arthur, Troy Lombardo, Damon Robison, Greg Roussel

Minutes from last meeting: February 2, 2015

Treasurer's Report

The Beacon Shines On

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

PUBLIC HEARING @ 7:15

- 1. Ordinance No. 670 – Amend pond construction ordinance**

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCE/ADOPT

- 1. Adopt Ordinance No. 670 – Amend pond construction ordinance**

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- 1. Resolution No. 11-16 - Resolution of Respect for Jules Thomas**
- 2. Resolution No. 12-16 – Resolution of support for 2015-16 LGAP application**

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Approve Progress Payment No. 5 to Miller Engineers - \$6,605.01.**
- 2. Rodney Grow – Permission to hold Fireworks & Blessing of the Fleet in Berwick for Shrimp/Petroleum**
- 3. Parade Permit for the Run For Miles – Lynn Liner – April 23, 2016**

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 8, 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 8, 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 representatives of The Daily Review and KWBJ.

Councilman Greg Roussel 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 Greg Roussel and seconded by Troy Lombardo.

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

The Beacon Shines on Lily Rebardi, longtime member of the Berwick Housing Authority Board of Directors. Mayor Pro-Tem Jacki Ackel presented her with a certificate of appreciation from the Town of Berwick.

Guest for the month of March, 2016 was Beverly Domengeaux. She stated that although she is facing a 64% cut in her state funding that there will not be a reduction in services to the elderly. She has applied for private grants to supplement her funding. She stated that there are 791 Berwick residents over 60 and another 216 that will reach 60 in 2 years.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of February, 2016. Chief Richard stated that the tickets issued for February, 2016, were about two times the amount written in February, 2015. He stated that although the amount of tickets issued was greater than 2015, accidents worked were way down. After no further comments, the mayor moved on the next item on the agenda, Fire report.

Chief Allen Rink presented the fire report and stated that they had 21 calls for February, 2016. There was 12 medical calls, 1 auto wrecks, 3 false alarms, 2 small fires and 3 good intent call. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Public Works report.

Rafael Lopez presented the Public Works report for February, 2016. Town crews are working on many projects at this time. Crews are repairing streets and sidewalks, repairing water leaks, and cutting grass on the highways. The final leg of the walking trail on Fairview Drive is nearing completion. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Town Engineer Reid Miller presented his report and stated that the plans for the sewer project on Old Spanish Trail/Highway 182 are complete and have been forwarded to Baton Rouge for review. The updated plats for the Old Spanish Trail and Highway 182 sewer project were submitted for new lift station locations, one being on Southern Equestrian Stables property and the other on Berwick, LLC property. The permit drawings were revised and resubmitted to the Army Corp of Engineers to reduce the impacts for the force main construction from Highway 182 to Highway 90. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Economic Development, Public Safety, Planning and Zoning, and Wharf Committees had nothing to report. Recreation Committee Chairman Troy Lombardo stated that construction on the new gazebo on the riverfront has started and that he has some requests for picnic tables on the riverfront. A new gazebo has been completed on Fairview Drive adjacent to the walking trail. Mayor Pro-Tem Jacki Ackel said the Keep St. Mary Beautiful Committee will meet March 18 in Morgan City. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, Ordinances.

Item #1 under Public Hearings – Ordinance No. 670 – Amend pond construction ordinance. After no comments from the audience or council, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #1 under Ordinances – Approve/Adopt – Adopt Ordinance No. 670 – Amend pond construction ordinance. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Greg Roussel, the ordinance was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Item #1 under Resolutions/Proclamations – Resolution No. 11-16 – Resolution of Respect for Mr. Jules Thomas. Mayor Ratcliff presented the family of Mr. Thomas with a plaque and expressed the Town’s gratitude for his years of service to the community.

Item #2 under Resolutions/Proclamations – Resolution No. 12-16 – Resolution of support for 2015-16 LGAP application. Upon motion Damon Robison and seconded by Duval Arthur, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #1 under new business – Approve Progress Payment No. 5 to Miller Engineers for \$6,605.01. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the payment was approved unanimously.

Item #2 under new business – Rodney Grow – Permission to hold Fireworks for the Fourth of July and the Blessing of the Fleet for Shrimp and Petroleum Festival on the Berwick side of the Atchafalaya River. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Duval Arthur permission was granted unanimously.

Item #3 under new business – Parade Permit for the Run for Miles. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo the permit was issued unanimously.

Councilman Damon Robison asked permission to address the mayor and council some issues that he had with the Berwick Zoning ordinances. He would like to reclassify certain items pertaining to outside storage, including junk, from B-2. After much discussion, it was decided that the Mayor will instruct the Town Attorney Allen McElroy to review Councilman Robison’s request and advised for guidance on the reclassification of the items at the April Council meeting.

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

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk