

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
OF THE TOWN OF BERWICK, STATE OF LOUISIANA  
TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY**

**December 9, 2014**

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, December 9, 2014, at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also present was a representative of KWBJ.

Councilman Troy Lombardo led the prayer.

Councilman Greg Roussel 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 Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo.

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

The Beacon did not shine on anyone for December, 2014.

Guests: Beverly Domengeaux, St. Mary Council on Aging Director, thanked the mayor and council for their annual donation.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of November, 2014. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for November, 2014, were about half the amount written in November, 2013. Chief Richard stated that arrests for November, 2014, were up from the amount made in November, 2013. Mayor Ratcliff thanked Chief Richard for emceeding the annual lighting of the Christmas lights on Thanksgiving Day. The event was well received. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the fire report.

Chief Rink presented the fire report and stated that they had 39 calls for November, 2014. There were 24 medical assist calls, 3 vehicle accident, 5 good intention calls and 6 fire alarms. He also stated that re-painting of the floors at the Central Station and Ray Raspberry stations was complete. 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 October. Town crews are working on many projects at this time. Crews have finished the parking lot at Pharr Park and the improvements to the Hogan Street drainage ditch. The overlay of Pattie Drive from Highway 182 to Berwick High School is complete. After no further comments, 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, December 10, 2014 to discuss the construction of the gazebo on the Atchafalaya River. Town Engineer Reid Miller was present, and stated that his firm had started the design phase on the proposed sewer project on Highway 182 and Old Spanish Trail. The permit for the sewer line has been submitted and survey work for Highway 182 and the pipeline has been completed. Survey work for Old Spanish Trail will begin in December, 2014. No report for Anti-Litter Committee. Damon Robison, Economic Development, stated that the land purchase for Phase VI of Renwick is complete and the developer will submit plans to Town in March,

2015. 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. 8-15 – LGAP. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Duval Arthur, the resolution was approved unanimously. This resolution was for a grant for \$35,000 that will be used to purchase approximately 150 radio read water meters.

Item #1 under New Business – Approve Liquor Licenses for 2015:

- a. St. Mary Golf & Country Club
- b. Ganaway's #4
- c. Country Club Express
- d. Woodie's Lighthouse Lounge
- e. Hollywood Truck Plaza (Cash Magic)
- f. Hollywood Plaza Casino (Cash Magic)
- g. Stazione's Deli Mar
- h. Bayou Lagniappe Restaurant

Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the resolution was approved unanimous roll call vote.

Item #2 under New Business – Re-Appoint Robert Thigpen to the Berwick Housing Authority Board. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the appointment was approved unanimously.

Mayor Ratcliff presented Councilman Edgar Thomas a plaque honoring him for his 12 years of service to the Town of Berwick as a Councilman and 5 years of service on the Berwick Planning and Zoning Board. Councilman Thomas also thanked the mayor and council for their support and expressed that it was an honor to serve with them.

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

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Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

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Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk