



Town of Berwick

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
March 8, 2005**

Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.

Prayer:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Ed Thomas, Elaine Cantrell, Louis Ratcliff, Bill Johnson, Ray Rasberry

Minutes from last meeting: February 15, 2005

Treasurer's Report:

Police Report:

Fire Report:

Public Works Report:

Committee Reports:

Consulting Engineers Report:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Appoint Darlene Toups to Planning and Zoning Board**

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, 2005

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, 2005 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

There were present: Mayor Emmett Hardaway, and Councilmen, Bill Johnson, Ray Rasberry, Louis Ratcliff, and Edgar Thomas, Jr.

Absent: None

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

Mayor Hardaway led the prayer.

Edgar Thomas, Jr. 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 Emmett Hardaway, 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, was approved without reading upon motion by Ray Rasberry and seconded by Bill Johnson.

The Treasurer's report, having been reviewed, was approved without reading upon motion by Elaine Cantrell and seconded by Louis Ratcliff.

Chief James Richard presented the police report, a copy of which was included in each of the Councilmen's packets, for the month of February 2005.

Chief Garrett Guillot presented the fire report, and stated that there were no fire calls for the month of February 2005. There was no fire call for the month of February.

The 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. Allen Benoit stated work on the new girl's softball field is nearly complete. Heavy rains have caused some delays in getting Cleco in to adjust the lights on the new field. The town took delivery on the new excavator.

Under committee reports, the planning and zoning recommended waiving the public hearing and grant approval for subdivision on two requests on two separate tracks of land on Fairview Drive by Whitney Bank. The two tracks meet all requirements by the Planning and Zoning Committee. Upon motion by Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Elaine Cantrell, the council approved the subdivision request by Mr. William Parker unanimously. Upon motion by Bill Johnson and seconded by Ray Rasberry, the council approved the subdivision request by Mr. Ray Landry unanimously.

Carl Jacob presented the consulting engineers report. Mr. Jacob stated that the permit for the railroad crossing has been obtained for the Hollywood Truck Stop to install utilities. The project will be advertised for bids. Bids should be received by the end of the month. There will be a pre-bid conference at the Berwick Town Hall the week of March 14, 2005. The new pump station on the Berwick Barrow Canal is approximately 75% complete. Pumps should be in by the end of March. Mayor Pro-tem Louis Ratcliff stated that the Wax Lake Drainage District did not make a decision on the failed tax issue.

Item number one the agenda, appoint Darlene Toups to the Planning and Zoning Board. On motion by Bill Johnson and seconded by Elaine Cantrell Ms. Toups was approved unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion by Ray Rasberry and seconded by Louis Ratcliff the meeting adjourned.

Emmett Hardaway, Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter, CAO/Town Clerk