



**Town of Berwick**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**March 12, 2013**

**Date of Notice: March 5, 2013**

**A Public hearing will be held as follows:**

**Date: March 12, 2013**  
**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: Duval Arthur, Troy Lombardo, Damon Robison, Greg Roussel, Edgar Thomas**

**Minutes from last meeting: February 11, 2013**

**Treasurer's Report**

**The Beacon Shines on...**

**Guests: David Boudier – Cypress Sawmill Festival**

**Police Report**

**Fire Report**

**Public Works Report**

**Consulting Engineers Report**

**Committee Reports**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Public Hearing to consider amending zoning map at 2166 and 2176 River Road from B-1 to R-3.**
- 2. Consider approval of zoning map amendment at 2166 and 2176 River Road from B-1 to R-3.**
- 3. Appoint Charles Roy, Jr. to Berwick Development District**
- 4. Resolution No. 05-13 - Consider introduction and adoption of resolution concerning continued membership of the Berwick Development District.**

**Adjournment**

**Newell Slaughter, Town Clerk**  
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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 12, 2013**

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 12, 2013, at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: Damon Robison

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

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. Mayor Ratcliff welcomed newly sworn in Councilman Greg Roussel and his family to their first council meeting.

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 Troy Lombardo.

Guests: David Boudier with the Patterson Cypress Sawmill Festival. Mr. Boudier invited Mayor Ratcliff or his designee to attend the Cypress Sawmill Festival luncheon that will held on March 23, 2013 at 12:00 PM. The festival will be held April 5-7, 2013. Everyone is invited to attend.

For February, 2013, the Beacon Shines On Jacki Ackel, former Berwick Interim Councilwoman, teacher and administrator with St. Mary Parish School Board. Mayor Ratcliff presented Mrs. Ackel with a certificate honoring her for her years of service to the community. Mrs. Ackel thanked the mayor for the honor and wanted to let the mayor and council know the next issue of the Berwick Beacon will be available online in April. She said Police Chief Richard will be submitting an article along with the Project Graduation committee.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of February, 2013. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for February, 2013, were about the same amount written in February 2012. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for February, 2013, were also about the same amount written in February, 2012. Chief Richard also stated that tickets and arrests for 2013 were about the same as previous years. He also reported that the new radar trailer has been stationed at various locations around town with good results. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the fire report.

Chief Allen Rink was not present due to an illness in his family. 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. Town crews are working on clearing drainage canals, ditches and completing other projects. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Town Engineer Reid Miller stated that this will be his last report on Phase V of Renwick Subdivision. The contractor only has a few items left on the punch list and should be completed in the next few days. Miller Engineers will be marking the corners of the lots, starting on March 13, 2013, and Cleco will begin installing electrical equipment once the lots have been marked.

Planning and Zoning Director Gary Beadle stated that the Planning and Zoning Board met and recommended the approval of a zoning map change for property at 2166 and 2176 River Road from B-1 to R-3. A public hearing is scheduled for 7:15 PM, March 12, 2013. Councilman Lombardo stated that the Recreation Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at 5 PM at the Civic Center. There were no other reports for the month. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item #1 on the agenda – Public Hearing to consider amending the zoning map at 2166 and 2176 River Road from B-1 to R-3. Mayor Ratcliff opened the hearing and after no comments from the Council or audience, the hearing was closed.

Item #2 on the agenda – Consider approval of zoning map amendment at 2166 and 2176 River Road from B-1 to R-3. Planning and Zoning Director Gary Beadle stated that the Planning & Zoning Board had recommended that the council approve the re-zoning of the property at 2166 and 2176 at the February 12, 2013, council meeting. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Duval Arthur, the approval was granted by unanimous voice vote.

Item #3 on the agenda – Appoint Charles Roy, Jr. to the Berwick Development District Board. Mayor Ratcliff recommended that the council approve the appointment of Mr. Roy to the Berwick Development District Board and upon motion by Duval Arthur, and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the appointment was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Item #4 on the agenda – Resolution No. 05-13. Consider introduction and adoption of resolution concerning continued membership of the Berwick Development District. Town Attorney Allen McElroy stated that statute and ordinance that created the district provided that the board would hold monthly meetings. The statute and ordinance stated that any board member that missed 50 percent (50%) of the board's meetings in any calendar year will create a vacancy in that position. Since it was the intent of this Mayor and Council to not have any vacancies for membership because the board, due to lack of activity that required a meeting, do not hold a meeting and thereby creates vacancies due to the above referenced 50% rule. This resolution, if adopted, remedies that situation. Upon motion by Edgar Thomas and seconded by Greg Roussel, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

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Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk