



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

April 14, 2015

Date of Notice: April 7, 2015

A Public Hearing will be held as follows:

Date: April 14, 2015
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: March 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. Public Hearing for Fairview Subdivision**
- 2. Public Hearing for River Bend Subdivision**

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCE/ADOPT

- 1. Take action on Fairview Subdivision**
- 2. Take action on River Bend Subdivision**
- 3. Introduce Ordinance No. 663 – Set Millage Rates for 2015**
- 4. Introduce Ordinance No. 664 – Set Drainage Fee for 2015**
- 5. Introduce Ordinance No. 665 – Amend, Change, Re-Enact, section of Town's Subdivision Regulations**

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- 1. Proclamation No. 03-15 – National Fair Housing Law**

New Business:

- 1. Approve Progress Payment No. 2 – Sewer collection system on Old Spanish Trail/Highway 182 - \$106,431.99.**

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**

April 14, 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, April 14, 2015, at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

There were present: Council members Jacki Ackel, Duval Arthur, and Troy Lombardo.

Absent: Greg Roussel and Damon Robison

Also present was a representative of KWBJ and The Daily Review.

Councilman Duval Arthur led the prayer.

Councilman Troy Lombardo 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 Duval Arthur.

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

The Beacon Shined on Berwick School's teachers of the year, Donna Gisclair – Berwick Junior High School, Yvette Lake - Berwick High School, and Kamala Benedietto – Berwick Elementary. Mayor Pro-Tem Jacki Ackel presented the teachers to the Mayor, Council and audience.

There were no guests for April, 2015.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of March, 2015. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for March, 2015, were about half the amount written in March, 2014. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the fire report.

Lt. Mark Taylor presented the fire report and stated that they had 45 calls for March, 2015. There were 27 medical assist calls, 6 vehicle accidents, 1 good intention calls, 6 fires (2 oven fires and 1 structure fire, 1 electrical fire) and 5 false alarms. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Public Works report.

Public Works Director Rafael Lopez was not present and the Public Works report for March was presented by CAO Newell Slaughter. Town crews are working on many projects at this time. Crews are repairing streets and sidewalks, repairing water leaks, cutting grass on the highways and other projects. Construction of the gazebo on the river is 100% 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 nearing completion. Once complete, the 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.

Planning and Zoning, Economic Development, and Public Safety had nothing to report. Troy Lombardo stated that the construction of the gazebo on the Atchafalaya River is complete and that he had received some positive comments regarding the project. He also stated that new playground equipment for Willie Steward Park is under consideration. Those plans will be discussed at the next meeting, which will be in May. Mayor Pro-Tem Jacki Ackel stated that a clean-up in the Morgan

City area is scheduled for April 25, weather permitting. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, Public Hearings.

Item #1 under Public Hearings – Public hearing for Fairview Park Subdivision. Joey Thibodeaux, 604 Shadowlawn Drive, state that he was concerned about the impact the new subdivision would have on drainage and the sewer system in Renwick. Mayor Ratcliff told him that this was preliminary approval only and that those concerns would be addressed in the approval process for the engineering phase. The town would also investigate the drainage problem area that Mr. Thibodeaux discussed. After no further comments, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #2 under Public Hearings – Public hearing for Riverbend Subdivision. There were no comments concerning Riverbend Subdivision and Mayor Ratcliff closed the Public Hearing.

Item #1 under Ordinances – Introduce/Adopt – Take action on preliminary approval for Fairview Park Subdivision. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Jacki Ackel, the preliminary approval was approved unanimously.

Item #2 under Ordinances – Introduce/Adopt – Take action on preliminary approval for Riverbend Subdivision. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Jacki Ackel, the preliminary approval was approved unanimously.

Item #3 under Ordinances – Introduce/Adopt – Introduce Ordinance No. 663 – Set millage rates for 2015. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Jacki Ackel, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #4 under Ordinances – Introduce/Adopt – Introduce Ordinance No. 664 – Set drainage fee for 2015. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Jacki Ackel, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #5 under Ordinances – Introduce/Adopt – Introduce Ordinance No. 665 – Amend, change, re-enact, section of Town's Subdivision Regulations. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Duval Arthur, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #1 on the agenda under Resolutions/Proclamations – Proclamation No. 03-15 – National Fair Housing Law. Upon motion by Jacki Ackel and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the proclamation was approved unanimously.

Item #1 on the agenda under New Business – Approve Progress Payment No. 2 – Sewer collections system on Old Spanish Trail/Highway 182 - \$106,431.99. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, Progress payment No. 2 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jacki Ackel informed the mayor, council and others in attendance that the Berwick Town Market has been cancelled for April. It will be held in May.

Mayor Ratcliff wanted to thank Representative Sam Jones and Senator Bret Allain for their help in securing funding for the repairs to Highway 182.

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

Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk