



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

April 8, 2014

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: March 11, 2014

Treasurer's Report

The Beacon Shines on...

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Introduce Ordinance No. 653 – Set Millage Rates for 2014**
- 2. Introduce Ordinance No. 654 – Set Drainage Fee for 2014**
- 3. Call for public hearing for church in residential zone R-3**
- 4. Discuss and consider enforcement Progressive (SWEDI) contract on damages to private property**

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 8, 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, April 8, 2014, at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: Duval Arthur

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

Councilman Greg Roussel 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 Troy Lombardo and seconded by Greg Roussel.

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

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

Guests: Beverly Domengeaux, St. Mary Council on Aging, was present, but did not speak.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of March, 2014. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for March, 2014, were about the same amount written in March, 2013. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for March, 2014, were also about the same amount made in March, 2013. Chief Richard also stated that Patrolman J.P. Henry had been named as the 2014 Officer of the Year by the Marine Corp League. Former Councilman Jacki Ackel thanked the Police Department for their help in the MADD Mock Car Crash demonstration at Berwick High School. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the fire report.

Fire Chief Allen Rink was at a training seminar and could not be present but his written report stated that they had 19 calls for March, 2014. There were 9 medical assist calls, 7 vehicle accidents and 3 good intention calls. 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. Town crews are working on many projects at this time. They are currently working on the Atchafalaya River section of the Berwick Walking Trail, putting the final touches on the new wharf projects and finishing the new gazebo in Renwick Subdivision. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Councilman Lombardo stated that the installation of the new recreation equipment at the Civic Center is 100% complete and the new playground equipment is being used by a lot of Berwick residents. The upgrade of the basketball court at Willie Steward Park has begun and weather permitting, it should be completed within the next month. The committee will also discuss their "Little Library" project at the next meeting. Planning & Zoning director Gary Beadle stated the Planning and Zoning Board met and recommended that the mayor and council call for a public hearing for a church to be placed in a R-3 residential zone. The old BIMS site is the proposed location of the church. The Economic Development committee and the Anti-Litter Committee had nothing to report. Town Engineer Reid Miller was not present. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item #1 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance No. 653 – Set Millage Rates for 2014. Upon motion by Greg Roussel and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the ordinance was introduced unanimously. A public hearing will be held at the May 13, 2014 council meeting.

Item #2 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance No. 654 – Set Drainage Fee for 2014. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the ordinance was introduced unanimously. A public hearing will be held at the May 13, 2014 council meeting.

Item #3 on the agenda – Call for public hearing for church in residential zone R-3. Upon motion by Greg Roussel and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the council called for a public hearing for May 13, 2014 to consider the church in a residential zone R-3.

Item #4 on the agenda – Discuss and consider enforcement of Progressive (SWEDI) contract on damages to private property. Ms. Ginger Haase, 203 Jones Street, addressed the mayor and council stating that Progressive Waste garbage trucks have damaged the area around the trash dumpster on Snead Street. She asked the mayor and council for support and assistance in getting the area repaired by Progressive. Mr. Bill Frey and Kuchonie Lewis with Progressive were present and indicated their intent to help resolve the problem. Mr. Frey stated that he will discuss the issue with Progressive management and Ms. Haase and other residents of the complex on a solution. Mr. Frey would report back to Town CAO Newell Slaughter the results of his 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

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk