



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

April 10, 2007

Date of Public Notice: April 3, 2007

A Public Hearing will be held as follows:

Date: April 10, 2007
Time: 7:15 P.M.
Place of Meeting: Council Meeting Room
3225 Third Street
Berwick, LA 70342

AGENDA:

Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.
Prayer
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Edgar Thomas, Damon Robison, Duval Arthur, Penny Crappell, Troy Lombardo
Minutes from last meeting: March 13, 2007
Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Fire Report
Public Works Report
Committee Reports
Consulting Engineers Report

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Public Hearing Ordinance No. 564 – Lease Parcels 14, 15, and 16 to R & R Engine Services**
- 2. Adopt Ordinance No. 564**
- 3. Approve liquor license – Wiggins Seafood (Gerald Chaisson)**
- 4. Resolution – Granting preliminary approval to Star Properties subdivision**
- 5. Resolution – Intergovernmental Agreement – Water & Sewer Commission No. 2**

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 10, 2007

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 10, 2007 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

There were present: Council members, Edgar Thomas, Damon Robison, Penny Crappell and Troy Lombardo.

Absent: Duval Arthur

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

Councilman Troy Lombardo led the prayer.

Penny Crappell 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 Louis Ratcliff, 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, were approved without reading upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Edgar Thomas.

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

Chief James Richard presented the police report, a copy of which was included in each of the Councilmen's packets, for the month of March 2007. Chief Richard stated that the report for March 2007 was very similar to March 2006. Chief Richard stated that his department had increased surveillance on River Road and presented a report showing that 30% of the traffic tickets issued for the month of March were on River Road. After no comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on the next item on the agenda.

Fire Chief Francis Fromenthal presented the fire report for month and stated that there were no fire calls for the month of March 2007. After no further comments, the mayor moved to the next item on the agenda.

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. Town Superintendent Allen Benoit stated that sidewalks in Renwick were 100% complete. Mr. Benoit stated that the River Road water tower would continue to be closed this week for maintenance. Mr. Benoit stated that the material for the waterline on Fairview to the industrial area on Highway 182 had arrived and construction should begin soon. After no further comments were made from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda.

The mayor then moved on to committee reports. The first report was from Planning and Zoning director Gary Beadle. He stated that the Planning and Zoning Board had met and recommended preliminary approval for Star Enterprises subdivision on Highway 90. He stated that the area would be zoned light industrial. Next report was from Councilman Damon Robison and the Economic Development Committee. He stated that the committee had not met in April. Next report was from the recreation committee. Councilman Troy Lombardo stated that the committee did not meet in March. Councilwoman Penny Crappell stated that the Anti-Litter committee did not meet for March, but did say that the Centennial Committee had some exciting events planned for the year and that they would be publicizing the events in the near future.

Consulting Engineer Glen Miller stated that he did not have a report for March.

Mayor Ratcliff then moved to Item # 1 on the agenda – Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 564 – Leasing Parcels No. 14, 15, and 16 to R&R Engine Services. With no comments from the audience or council, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item # 2 on the agenda – Adopt Ordinance No. 564. Upon motion Penny Crappell and seconded by Damon Robison, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item # 3 on the agenda – Resolution – Approve Liquor License for Wiggins Seafood, Gerald Chaisson. Upon motion by Edgar Thomas and seconded by Penn Crappell, the license was approved unanimously.

Item # 4 on the agenda – Resolution granting preliminary approval for Star Enterprises subdivision. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Penny Crappell, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item # 5 on the agenda – Resolution for and Intergovernmental Agreement between Water and Sewer Commission No. 2 and the Town of Berwick. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Mayor stated the a proclamation had been signed by the area mayors that April 14, 2007 had been proclaimed Relay For Life night in East St. Mary Parish and urged all community members to support the fund raising efforts of the local Relay For Life teams and to join cancer survivors in the celebration of life and dedicate themselves to fight cancer by attending the event.

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

Louis Ratcliff - Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk