



**Town of Berwick**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
May 10, 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: April 12, 2005**

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Police Report:**

**Fire Report:**

**Public Works Report:**

**Committee Reports:**

**Consulting Engineers Report:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Randal Monceaux – Project Graduation**
- 2. Resolution in support of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area**
- 3. Resolution authorizing submission of application to LDOTD for Seawall Pathway Project – Phase I**
- 4. Resolution authorizing submission of application to LDOTD for Berwick Sidewalk Lighting Project**
- 5. Discuss proposal to extend Renwick Boulevard to Highway 182**

**Adjournment**

**Newell W. 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**

**May 10, 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, May 10, 2005 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

There were present: Mayor Emmett Hardaway, and Council members, Elaine Cantrell, 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 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 Bill Johnson and seconded by Elaine Cantrell.

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

Chief James Richard presented the police report, a copy of which was included in each of the Councilmen's packets, for the month of April 2005. Chief Richard noted that there had been an increase in arrests for the same period in 2004.

Chief Garrett Guillot presented the fire report for the month of April 2005. There was one fire call for the month.

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. Councilman Ratcliff complimented Mr. Benoit on the outstanding job he and his crews did on the new girl's softball field. He also thanked Cleco and RC Cola on their help in finishing the field. Mr. Benoit stated that the State of Louisiana is preparing to overlay portions of Highway 182 near the Junior High School.

Carl Jacob presented the consulting engineers report. Mr. Jacob stated that the legislature is now in session and debate will begin on the capitol outlay bill. He also stated that the process of installing utilities at the Hollywood Truck Stop on Highway was still ongoing. Wards 5 & 8 is in the process of awarding the contract for installing the force main under the railroad and Highway 90. The property owner still must install the gravity sewer line. The new pumping station on the Berwick Borrow canal is nearly complete. The pumps have been installed. The new pump station should be on line by July 2005. He has submitted the enhancement projects, lights on the pathway and the downtown development plan, to the state for funding.

Item number one the agenda, Randal Monceaux spoke on behalf of the Project Graduation Program at Berwick High School. He wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for the help in the past. Project graduation was started in 1999. It has been a great success and he hopes that it can be continued. He wanted the week of May 16, 2005, to proclaimed Project Graduation Week. He also stated that they had been averaging 91-93 percent participation by the senior classes.

Item number two on the agenda, approve a resolution in support of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area. Upon motion Louis Ratcliff and seconded Edgar Thomas, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item number three on the agenda, to offer a resolution authorizing submission of an application to LDOTD for Seawall Pathway Project – Phase I. Upon motion by Ray Rasberry and seconded by Bill Johnson, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item number four on the agenda, to offer a resolution authorizing submission of an application to LDOTD for Berwick Sidewalk Lighting Project. Upon motion by Elaine Cantrell and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item number five on the agenda was to discuss proposal to extend Renwick Boulevard to Highway 182. Mayor Hardaway stated that there had been a meeting on the previous Tuesday night concerning the extension of Renwick Boulevard to Highway 182. The mayor stated that he felt that the process needed to begin because it would take a year to complete the project. Mayor Hardaway suggested that the council vote to approve to the engineering and design for the project. Mr. Jacob stated that the cost to design and engineer the project would cost approximately \$47,000. Councilman Bill Johnson stated that he felt like the road needed to be completed, but the council needed to study the cost of the project because the project would probably be completed after the term for most of the council expires. Upon motion by Bill Johnson and seconded by Louis Ratcliff, the motion to allow for design and engineering was approved unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion by Elaine Cantrell and seconded by Bill Johnson the meeting adjourned.

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Emmett Hardaway, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Newell W. Slaughter, CAO/Town Clerk