



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

May 9, 2006

AGENDA:

Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Edgar Thomas, Elaine Cantrell, Louis Ratcliff, Bill Johnson, Ray Rasberry

Minutes from last meeting: April 11, 2006

Treasurer's Report

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Committee Reports

Consulting Engineers Report

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Waste Management Contract**
- 2. Renwick Boulevard Extension Change Order**
- 3. Adopt Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire**
- 4. Wharf Leases**
- 5. Barbara Lanier – Berwick Cemetery**

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 9, 2006

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 9, 2006 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

There were present: Council members, Edgar Thomas, Elaine Cantrell, Louis Ratcliff, and Ray Rasberry.

Absent: Bill Johnson

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

Mayor Emmett Hardaway led the prayer.

Elaine Cantrell 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 Louis Ratcliff 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, 2006. Chief Richard noted that there had not been any unusual events during the month of March. Chief Richard noted that the arrests and the amount of fines collected this year was down from the same period in 2005.

Chief Francis Fromenthal presented the fire report for the month of April, 2006. There were no reported fire calls for the month of April, 2006.

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. After no comments were made from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda.

Arthur DeFraitres presented the consulting engineers report. In relation to the Renwick Boulevard extension project, Mr. DeFraitres stated that the installation of 350' of sewer line and installation of drain culvert along Highway 182 is about 100% complete. Gray Construction is working on the roadbed construction and hauling in the granular fill material. Overall percent completion is approximately 30% complete. Time consumed is 31%. Mr. DeFraitres stated that upon the request of Mayor Hardaway that the contractor had agreed to install four side road extensions based on unit prices in the original contract. Total cost for the four extensions would amount to \$108,000 with added inspection and engineering cost bringing the total cost of the project to \$125,000. Mayor Hardaway recommended that the council approve the cost of the extensions. Upon motion Ray Rasberry and seconded by Louis Ratcliff, the change order was approved unanimously. Mayor Hardaway asked Damon Robison if he would begin preparations to sub-divide the new lots created by the extension of Renwick Boulevard. Town Attorney, Allen McElroy, stated that he would contact the Gulf South Engineers to provide him with a plot of the new lots and he could prepare and ordinance to transfer title of the new lots to the Berwick Development District. The title transfer would be as a credit sale, with the proceeds from the sales of the lots applied against the balance due the town. The District would need title before they could go before the Planning and Zoning Board

Mayor then moved to Item # 1 on the agenda – Waste Management Contract – Mayor Hardaway recommended that we send out a request for proposal to SWeeDI and Waste Management.

Item # 2 on the agenda – Change order number 1 on Renwick Boulevard Extension - Upon motion by Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Ray Rasberry, the change order was approved unanimously.

Item # 3 on the agenda – Adopt Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire – Upon motion by Elaine Cantrell and seconded by Ray Rasberry, the questionnaire was adopted unanimously.

Item # 4 on the agenda – Wharf Leases – Town Attorney, Allen McElroy, stated that he had asked Trent Bigler to do a study on the prevailing rates for wharf leases in the area and he would have an ordinance prepared for the next meeting. Mayor Hardaway also appointed a committee to study the rates and make recommendations to the council. The committee consisted of Mayor Hardaway, Allen McElroy, Louis Ratcliff, and Edgar Thomas.

Item # 5 on the agenda – Barbara Lanier – Mrs. Lanier addressed the council to voice her concerns about the condition of the Berwick Cemetery. Mrs. Lanier was concerned about the condition of the fence that runs along St. Claire Alley, the debris in the cemetery, and the abandoned car adjacent to the cemetery. Upon hearing the complaints from Mrs. Lanier, Mayor Hardaway assured her the town would do everything possible to maintain the cemetery in a manner which would be acceptable to her and the rest of the community.

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

Emmett Hardaway - Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk