



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

May 11, 2010

AGENDA:

Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Duval Arthur, Penny Crappell, Troy Lombardo, Damon Robison, Edgar Thomas

Minutes from last meeting: April 13, 2010

Treasurer's Report

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Tri City Track Club – 5K Road Race on June 6 – Tracy Scarbrough**
- 2. Approve annual allocation to Keep St. Mary Beautiful Program 2010 - \$4,954.74**
- 3. Melissa Henry – Henry Family 5K Run**
- 4. Introduce Ordinance No. 612 – Digging of lakes, pits, barrow pits and other acts where dirt is removed**

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 11, 2010

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 11, 2010 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: Duval Arthur

Also present were representatives of The Daily Review, KQKI and KWBJ.

Councilman Penny Crappell 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 Damon Robison and seconded by Edgar Thomas.

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

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of April, 2010. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for April, 2010 were less than April, 2009. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for April, 2010 were less than April, 2009. Mayor Ratcliff cautioned Chief Richard that the ball season was getting kicked off and to pay extra attention to the parks where the games will be held. Chief Richard stated the Relay For Event that was held at Berwick High School and his reserve officers worked it and had no problems. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Fire Department report.

Fire Chief Wayne LaCoste presented his report. He stated that there was not a lot of activity in the month of April. There were only three calls, a good intent, a power line down on Pattie Drive and an extrication on Highway 90. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Public Works report.

Town Superintendent Allen Benoit presented the Public Works report. Mr. Benoit stated that the altitude valve on the River Road water tower was malfunctioning and repairs have begun. The repairs should be completed next week. He is also expecting the Atchafalaya River to rise approximately two and a half feet. It will not present any problems to the town. The new 12" raw water intake line is nearing completion, with only the tie in at the water plant remaining to be completed. It should be 100% complete by next week. Forty three crepe myrtle trees will be arriving on May 13 and will be planted on Renwick Boulevard and Cloverdale Drive. After no comments, the Mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Gary Beadle, Planning and Zoning Director, stated that the Planning and Zoning Board met on May 5 to consider a map amendment for Versen, Sixth, Seventh and Utah Streets to rezone the area from B-2 to R-2 and R-3. There are no businesses located in the targeted area. Notices will be mailed to the adjacent property owners and a public hearing will be called. The Economic Development Committee did not meet. As a member of the Keep St. Mary Beautiful Committee, Councilwoman Penny Crappell urged the council to approve the annual allocation to the Committee which will be discussed on agenda item No. 2. Recreation advisory committee chairman Penny Crappell gave a report. Girls softball held opening ceremonies last night. There will be fourteen teams in the league. League play will include

Patterson. Registration for the summer camp will begin next week. The construction of the observation deck and canopy and the mister for the playground at the Civic Center have been completed. The batting cage cover has been completed and plans are in place for the electrical service to be installed. Town crews will assist in the installation of the electrical service. Leesa Foreman addressed the council and a brief report on the proposed ordinance regarding the digging of lakes, ponds, canals or any other man made water body. The proposed ordinance will be introduced tonight and a public hearing will be called for June 8, 2010. The mayor, council and committee members will spend the next month studying the proposed ordinance and offering changes or additions that will be discussed at the public hearing. She stated that the ordinance presented a minimal amount of restrictions and an adequate amount of discretion for the mayor and council in granting the permits for future lake, pits, etc. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item #1 on the agenda – Tri City Track Club – 5K Road Race. Tracy Scarbrough stated that the club would like to stage a 5K Road Race on June 6, 2010. The race would begin and end at Pharr Park. It would travel down Gilmore Street to Fairview Drive to Renwick Boulevard to Highway 182 and back to Gilmore Street. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Troy Lombardo the permit for the race was approved unanimously.

Item #2 on the agenda – Approve allocation to Keep St. Mary Beautiful Program for 2010. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the allocation was approved unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda – Melissa Henry – Henry Family 5K Road Race. Mrs. Henry addressed the mayor and council and told of her plans to stage the annual Henry Family Road Race on May 15, 2010. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the permit for the race was approved unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance No. 612 – Man made water bodies. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Damon Robison, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

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

Louis Ratcliff - Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk