



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

June 10, 2014

Date of Notice: June 3, 2014

A Public Hearing will be held as follows:

Date: June 10, 2014
Time: 7:15 P.M.
Place: Council Meeting Room
3225 Third Street
Berwick, LA 70342

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: May 13, 2014

Treasurer's Report

The Beacon Shines on...

Guests: Tim Matte – St. Mary Parish Levee District Executive Director – Levee system evaluation report
Greg Aucoin – Candidate for Judge
Mark Distefano – Fallen Warriors Memorial

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

PUBLIC HEARING @ 7:15

- 1. Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 655 – To amend Chapter 3, Section 329, Sales, consumption of alcoholic beverages and liquor on streets, sidewalks, or in public**
- 2. Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 656 to lease waterfront parcels 1, 4 and 5 to D & S Marine Transport**
- 3. Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 657 to lease waterfront parcels 2 & 3 to MWP Properties and Three Brothers Properties**
- 4. Public Hearing for conditional use to allow boat and marine vessel building and repair**

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCE/ADOPT

- 1. Adopt Ordinance No. 655 – To amend Chapter 3, Section 329, Sales, consumption of alcoholic beverages and liquor on streets, sidewalks, or in public**
- 2. Adopt Ordinance No. 656 – Lease waterfront parcels 1, 4 and 5 to D & S Marine Transport**
- 3. Adopt Ordinance No. 657 – Lease waterfront parcels 2 & 3 to Mathilde Wilson Person and Three Brothers Properties**
- 4. Take action to allow conditional use to allow boat and marine vessel building and repair**
- 5. Consider Introduction of Ordinance No. 658 – Sewer rate adjustment**

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. 19-14 – St. Mary Parish Levee District**
- 2. 20-14 – Authorize CAO to executive affidavit concerning installation of water/gas line/sewer on state ROW**

New Business:

- 1. Name The Daily Review as Official Journal for 2014-15**
- 2. Set budget workshop for July 15, 2014 and July 22, 2014 (if needed) at 6:00 PM**

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**

June 10, 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, June 10, 2014, at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: None

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Duval Arthur 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 Duval Arthur and seconded by Greg Roussel.

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

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

Guests: Tim Matte, St. Mary Parish Levee District; Mark Distefano, Fallen Warriors Memorial and Beverly Domengeaux, St. Mary Council on Aging. Mr. Matte gave an update on the levee system in the Town of Berwick and St. Mary Parish. Mr. Distefano addressed the mayor and council asking support for the planned Fallen Warriors Memorial that will be constructed in Morgan City near the Auditorium. Their goal is to raise \$150,000 to complete the memorial. He stated that there was 49 fallen warriors in the East St. Mary Parish area, with 11 being from Berwick. Greg Aucoin did not attend the meeting.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of May, 2014. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for May, 2014, were about twice the amount written in May, 2013. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for May, 2014, were up from the amount made in May, 2013. 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 presented the fire report and stated that they had 22 calls for May, 2014. There were 9 medical assist calls, 7 vehicle accidents, 1 good intention call, 4 small fires and 1 false alarm. 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 and Bottleneck Farms sections of the Berwick Walking Trail. Crews are also spraying vegetation in drainage ditches. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Councilman Lombardo stated that the upgrade of the basketball court at Willie Steward Park has begun and weather permitting, it should be completed within the next month. Planning & Zoning director Gary Beadle did not have a report. The Economic Development committee and the Anti-Litter Committee had nothing to report. Town Engineer Reid Miller was present, and stated that he had done some preliminary work on the proposed sewer project on Highway 182 and Old Spanish Trail. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item #1 on the agenda under Public Hearings was a public hearing for Ordinance No. 655 – To amend Chapter 3, Section 329, Sales, consumption of alcoholic beverages and liquor on streets, or in public. After no comments from the council or audience, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #2 on the agenda under Public Hearings was a public hearing for Ordinance No. 656 – Lease water front parcels 1, 4 and 5 to D & S Marine. After no comments from the council or audience, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #3 on the agenda under Public Hearings was a public hearing for Ordinance No. 657 – Lease waterfront parcels 2 & 3 to MWP Waterfront, L.L.C. and Three Brothers Properties, L.L.C. Brian Tranchina addressed the mayor and council on behalf of MWP Waterfront, L.L.C. and Three Brother Properties, L.L.C. Mr. Tranchina stated that his clients are longtime residents of the Town of Berwick and have leased parcels 2 & 3 for many years. Rather than lease parcels 2 & 3 under the standard 5 year lease, his clients would like to have the right of first refusal to lease the property. After no comments from the council or audience, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #4 on the agenda under Public Hearings was a public hearing for conditional use to allow boat and marine vessel building and repair in a M2 zone. After no comments from the council or audience, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #1 on the agenda under Ordinances – Introduce/Adopt – Adopt Ordinance No. 655 to amend Chapter 3, Section 329, Sales, consumption of alcoholic beverages and liquor on streets, sidewalks, or in public. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Greg Roussel the ordinance was amended to include walking trails, Mardi Gras parade route or other public gatherings when a permit has been granted by the Town. The amended ordinance was approved unanimous voice vote.

Item #2 on the agenda under Ordinances-Introduce/Adopt – Adopt Ordinance No. 656 Lease waterfront parcels 1, 4 and 5 to D&S Marine Transport. Upon motion by Greg Roussel and seconded by Damon Robison, the ordinance passed by unanimous voice vote.

Item #3 on the agenda under Ordinances Introduce/Adopt – Adopt Ordinance No. 657 – Lease parcels 2&3 to MWP Waterfront, L.L.C. and Three Brothers Properties, L.L.C. Mayor Pro-Tem Duval made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 657 to allow MWP Waterfront, LLC and Three Brother Properties the right of first refusal on parcels 2&3. Troy Lombardo seconded the motion. After much discussion, the vote on the amendment was passed by a voice vote of 4-1. Councilman Robison voted nay. The lessees' shall be granted three (3) consecutive annual options to enter into one (1) year leases the first option period starting July 1, 2016 and each year thereafter until the last option may be exercised on January 10, 2018. The lessees' current lease terminates midnight June 30, 2016. The Right of First Refusal will provide that commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2019, MWP Waterfront, L.L. C. and Three Brothers Properties, L.L.C. shall be granted a right of first refusal to enter into a lease of the said Parcel number 2 and 3 from the Town on the same terms as a bona fide offer to lease made to the Town. Duval Arthur then made a motion to adopt the amended ordinance. Troy Lombardo seconded the motion. The ordinance was adopted by a 4-1 voice vote. Councilman Robison voted nay.

Item #4 on the agenda under Ordinances introduce/adopt was to take action on conditional use to allow boat and marine vessel building and repair in a M2 zone. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Damon Robison, conditional use was approved unanimous voice vote.

Item #5 on the agenda under ordinances introduce/adopt was Ordinance No. 658 – Sewer rate adjustment. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Greg Roussel, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #1 on the agenda under Resolutions – Resolution No. 19-14 – St. Mary Parish Levee District. To enter into an intergovernmental agreement with St. Mary Levee District concerning maintenance, repairs, and upgrades to levee system within the Town of Berwick. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the resolution passed unanimously. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and

seconded by Damon Robison, the agenda was expanded to introduce Ordinance No. 659 – St. Mary Levee District. Town Attorney stated that the ordinance was needed because past agreements concerning the levee system were accomplished by ordinance. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Damon Robison, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #2 on agenda under Resolutions – Resolution No. 20-14 to authorize CAO to execute affidavit concerning installation of water/gas/sewer lines on State ROW. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Greg Roussel, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #1 on the agenda under new business – Name The Daily Review as Official Journal. Upon motion Troy Lombardo and seconded by Duval Arthur, The Daily Review was named the Official Journal for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

Item #2 on the agenda under new business – Mayor Ratcliff set the budget workshops for July 15, 2014 and July 22, 2014 (if needed).

Mayor Ratcliff recognized Dee Hymel and Brian Landry with the Tri-City Track Club who were seeking a parade permit for a 4K run on July 5, 2014. The run will begin and end at the Lighthouse Park on Belleview/Front Street. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the parade permit was issued unanimously.

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