



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Public Meeting Date: June 14, 2016
Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.
Place: Council Meeting Room
3225 Third Street
Berwick, LA 70342

Public Hearing will be held as follows:
Date: June 14, 2016
Time: 7:15 PM
Place: Council Meeting Room
3225 Third Street, Berwick, LA 70342

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jacki Ackel, Duval Arthur, Troy Lombardo, Damon Robison, Greg Roussel

Minutes from last meeting: May 10, 2016

Treasurer's Report

The Beacon Shines on

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

PUBLIC HEARING @ 7:15

1. **Public Hearing for variance on construction of pond – Mike Wise property**

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCE/ADOPT

1. **Take action on variance on construction of pond – Mike Wise property**

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- 1.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Name The Daily Review as Official Journal for 2016-17**
2. **Set budget workshop for July 19, 2016 and July 26, 2016 (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 14, 2016

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 14, 2016, at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also present was representatives of The Daily Review and KWBJ.

Councilman Troy Lombardo led the prayer.

Councilman Damon Robison 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 Greg Roussel and seconded by Troy Lombardo.

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

The Beacon did not shine on anyone for June 2016.

The guest for June, 2016 was Beverly Domengeaux with St. Mary Council on Aging. Mrs. Domengeaux did not address the council, but Mayor Pro-Tem Jacki Ackel stated that the Berwick High School New Generations Club would meet with the St. Mary Council on Aging on July 11, 2016 to discuss ways to help senior citizens. The BEARS Ham Radio club is scheduled to stage their annual Lighthouse Weekend on August 20-21, 2016 on the Riverfront, near the lighthouse.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of May, 2016. Chief Richard stated that the tickets issued for May, 2016, were about three times the amount written in May, 2015. Chief Richard also stated that Ricky Dinger has been hired to replace Officer Shawn Liner, who resigned to go into private industry. Chief Richard reminded everyone that although the St. Mary Parish Council approved the sale and use of fireworks in the unincorporated areas of St. Mary Parish, it is still illegal in the Town of Berwick. After no further comments, the mayor moved on the next item on the agenda, Fire report.

Chief Allen Rink presented the fire report and stated that they had 27 calls for May, 2016. There were 15 medical calls, 1 auto wreck, 7 false alarms, 1 fire and 3 good intent calls. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Public Works report.

Rafael Lopez presented the Public Works report for May, 2016. Town crews are working on many projects at this time. Crews are repairing streets and sidewalks, repairing water leaks, and cutting grass on the highways. The final repairs on Gilmore Drive pumping station is 100% complete. The construction of the new gazebo on the riverfront is underway and is 100% complete. The water fountain and lighting at the Gazebo on Fairview Drive will be installed in the next two weeks. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Town Engineer Reid Miller was not present. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Planning and Zoning, Economic Development, Recreation, and Public Safety Committees had nothing to report. Mayor Pro-Tem Jacki Ackel stated that the Keep St. Mary Beautiful Committee will be installing signs around the parish to discourage littering. She also stated that the Historical Committee met to discuss plans for the program for the Lighthouse Festival. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, Public Hearings.

Item #1 under Public Hearings – Public hearing for variance on construction of pond on Mike Wise’s property. After no comments from the council or audience, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #1 under Ordinances - Introduce/Adopt – Take action on variance for construction of pond on Mike Wise’s property. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Greg Roussel, the variance was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Item #1 under new business – Name the Daily Review as Official Journal for 2016-17. Upon motion by Jacki Ackel and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the motion was approved unanimously.

Item #2 under new business – Set budget workshop for July 19, 2016 and July 26, 2016 (if needed) at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Ratcliff encouraged everyone to attend the “Rockin the Riverfront” that will held on July 3, 2016 on the Berwick Riverfront. Music will be provided by the Gone Pecans (2 - 5 PM) and Old Soul (5:30 – 8:30 PM). Food and drinks will be provided by the Berwick Volunteer Fire Department and The Big Chill.

Councilman Duval Arthur stated that he had received complaints from citizens living in Country Club and Renwick subdivisions regarding children driving golf carts on town streets. He stated that the City of Patterson had recently introduced an ordinance and he was interested in learning about their proposed ordinance. State law requires headlamps, front and rear turn signals, tail lamps and brake lamps. Drivers must also have a valid driver’s license to operate a golf cart on public streets. Chief Richard stated that the main issue is the use of the carts by unlicensed drivers and it ramps up during the summer when kids are home alone and parents don’t know their kids are driving the carts. After much discussion, Mayor Ratcliff stated that the town will see what actions Patterson takes with its ordinance before deciding what action to take in Berwick.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion by Jacki Ackel and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the motion to adjourn was approved unanimously.

Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk