



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

June 20, 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: May 9, 2006
Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Fire Report
Public Works Report
Committee Reports
Consulting Engineers Report

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Introduce Ordinance No. 555 – Set forth milage rates for 2006**
- 2. Introduce Ordinance No. 556 – Drainage Fee**
- 3. Introduce Ordinance No. 557 – Transfer to BDD Renwick Phase 2**
- 4. Resolution – Sidewalk Lighting Project**
- 5. Resolution – Seawall Pathway Project**

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 20, 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, June 20, 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, 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 Ray Rasberry and seconded by Elaine Cantrell.

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

Chief James Richard presented the police report, a copy of which was included in each of the Councilmen's packets, for the month of May, 2006. Chief Richard noted that there had been a decrease in the number of tickets written in May 2006 compared to May 2005 because there had been a seat belt campaign in the previous year. Mayor Pro-Tem praised Chief Richard for the good job he did in running the girl's softball program. The season has been completed and the season ending tournament was a great success.

Town Supervisor, Allen Benoit, presented the fire report for Chief Francis Fromenthal and stated that there were zero fire calls for the month of May, 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. Mayor Hardaway commended Mr. Benoit for the good job his men did in keeping the baseball and softball fields in great shape for the season. After no comments were made from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda.

Clay Braud presented the consulting engineers report. The contractor has completed installation of the main drain lines, sewer lines, gas lines and water lines. The contractor is now working on the roadway base and placement of the roadway pavement, which is now approximately 40% complete. The overall project is approximately 45% complete with 43% of the contract time being used. A change order was executed to extend the side streets and associated utilities and drainage to rear property line. Additional thirty (30) days was added to the contract time, which extends the projected date of substantial completion to October 13, 2006. The Contractor has requested Partial Payment No. 3 in the amount of \$298,090.06. Gulf South Engineers has prepared applications for Transportation Enhancement Program grants for the Town of Berwick. The two projects being proposed are the Seawall Pathway and Lighting for the Berwick Trail.

Mayor then moved to Item # 1 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance No. 555 – Set forth millage rates for 2006. Upon motion by Ray Rasberry and seconded by Elaine Cantrell, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item # 2 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance No. 556 – Drainage Fee. Upon motion by Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item # 3 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance No. 557. Upon motion my Edgar Thomas and seconded by Louis Ratcliff, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item # 4 on the agenda – Resolution – Sidewalk Lighting Project. The resolution stated that the Town of Berwick would be responsible for 5% of the total cost of the project plus engineering costs. Upon motion by Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Ray Rasberry, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item # 5 on the agenda – Resolution – Seawall Pathway Project. The resolution stated that the Town of Berwick would be responsible for 5% of the total cost of the project plus engineering costs. Upon motion by Elaine Cantrell and seconded by Louis Ratcliff, the resolution was approved unanimously.

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

Emmett Hardaway - Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk