



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

June 10, 2008

Date of Notice: June 3, 2008

A Public Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: June 10, 2008
Time: 7:15 P.M.
Place: Council Meeting Room
3225 Third Street
Berwick, LA 70342

AGENDA:

Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.
Prayer
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Edgar Thomas, Damon Robison, Duval Arthur, Penny Crappell, Troy Lombardo
Minutes from last meeting: May 13, 2008
Treasurer's Report
Guests:
Police Report
Fire Report
Public Works Report
Consulting Engineers Report
Committee Reports

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 7:15 P.M. – Public Hearing Ordinance No. 580 - Changes to Code of Ordinances relating to Subdivision Regulations
2. 7:15 P.M. – Public Hearing Ordinance No. 581 – Acquire real property at Berwick Civic Complex
3. 7:15 P.M. – Public Hearing Ordinance No. 582 – Re-enacting and adopting Article III. Vicious Dogs of Chapter 4
4. 7:15 P.M. – Public Hearing Ordinance No. 583 – Amend Chapter V, Article IV, Pipelines
5. Introduce Ordinance No. 584 – Set Forth Milage Rates for 2008
6. Introduce Ordinance No. 585 – Set Forth Milage Rates for 2008
7. Introduce Ordinance No. 586 – Set Drainage Rate Fee for 2008
8. Approve Contractor Payment No. 3 - \$212,403.83 – Renwick Phase III
9. Adopt Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire
10. Name Official Journal – The Daily Review
11. Red Ribbon Committee – Jackie Ackel/Request donation
12. Crenshaw Street Residents – No Parking Ordinance on Whitworth Street

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, 2008

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, 2008 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: None

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

Councilman Edgar Thomas 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, having been reviewed, were approved without reading upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo.

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

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, 2008. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for May, 2008 were a lot less than May, 2007. Chief Richard also compared citations and arrests for 2008 to 2007. Chief Richard announced that the Dare Garage Sale would be held on July 12 at the Berwick Civic Center. The police department also received 8 laptop computers to be installed in the police units to access NCIC. The officers will be able to run background checks and check license plates and driver's licenses from their unit. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, Fire Department report.

Fire Chief Francis Fromenthal presented the fire report for May, 2008. Chief Fromenthal stated that the department worked 2 vehicle accidents, 1 structure fire and one electrical fire. After no comment, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Public Works report.

A copy of the Public Works Report was included in the packet for each Councilman. Town Superintendent Allen Benoit was available for comment. Mr. Benoit stated that the Atchafalaya River is on a downward spiral and all flood gates were open. A small rise is expected next week, but it will fall quickly. A new water hydrant has been installed in front of the Ray Rasberry fire station. The annual safety meeting will be held on June 25. Mayor and Council are invited to attend. After no further comments, the Mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Town Engineer, Miller Engineers & Associates, represented by Glen Miller, stated that the contractor for Phase III of Renwick Subdivision is approximately 85% complete. The contractor is ahead of schedule and should be 100% complete by July. Contractor pay request No. 3 has been submitted in the amount of \$212,403.83. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, pay request No. 3 was approved unanimously.

Gary Beadle, Planning and Zoning Director, stated that the Planning and Zoning Board did not meet because of a lack of quorum. A meeting will be scheduled in the coming months to address the rewriting of zoning ordinances. Public meetings will be held. Councilman Damon Robison reported that the Economic Development Committee did not meet and did not have a report for the council. Mayor Pro-Tem Duval Arthur stated that the recreation committee met and discussed adding some swings to Pharr Park. Mayor Ratcliff suggested adding the swings to the budget for fiscal year 2008-09. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item #1 on the agenda – Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 580 – Changes to Code of Ordinances relating to Subdivision Regulations. After no comments from the council or audience, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing. Penny Crappell made a motion to expand the agenda to adopt Ordinance No. 580. Damon Robison seconded the motion. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Duval Arthur, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item #2 on the agenda – Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 581 – Acquire real property at the Berwick Civic Complex. After no comments from the council or audience, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing. Penny Crappell made a motion to expand the agenda to adopt Ordinance No. 581. Troy Lombardo seconded the motion. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Damon Robison, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda – Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 582 – Re-enacting and adopting Article III, Vicious Dogs of Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances, being sections 4-51 through 4-59. After no comments from the council or audience, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing. Penny Crappell made a motion to expand the agenda to adopt Ordinance No. 582. Damon Robison seconded the motion. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Duval Arthur, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance No. 583 – Amend Chapter 5, “Buildings and Structures” of the Town of Berwick Code of Ordinances so as to enact provisions under a new article titled, “Article IV, Pipelines.” After no comments from the council or audience, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing. Penny Crappell made a motion to expand the agenda to adopt Ordinance No. 583. Duval Arthur seconded the motion. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Penny Crappell, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item #5 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance No. 584 – Set forth millage rates for 2008. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #6 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance No. 585 – Set forth millage rates for 2008. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #7 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance No. 586 – Set drainage rate fee for 2008. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Damon Robison, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #8 on the agenda – Approve payment No. 3 to Sampey General Contractors for Phase III of Renwick subdivision in the amount of \$212,403.83. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the payment was approved unanimously.

Item #9 on the agenda – Adopt Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the questionnaire was adopted unanimously.

Item #10 on the agenda – Name The Daily Review as official journal. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Duval Arthur, The Daily Review was named as official journal unanimously.

Item #11 on the agenda – Red Ribbon Committee. Jackie Ackel and Diane Wiltz addressed the mayor and council thanking them for their past support and requesting a donation of \$500 for the next budget year. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Duval Arthur, the donation was granted unanimously.

Item #12 on the agenda – Crenshaw Street/Whitworth Street residents. Several residents of Crenshaw Street and Whitworth Street were present to voice their opinion of the no parking ordinance on the west side of Whitworth Street. At the May 13 council meeting, Mayor Ratcliff appointed a committee of Mayor Pro-Tem Duval Arthur, Councilman Troy Lombardo and Police Chief James Richard to look into the matter. Mayor Pro-Tem Duval Arthur spoke for the committee. Mr. Arthur issued a brief statement prior to giving the committee findings. Mr. Arthur expressed his displeasure at the actions of some of the residents of Crenshaw and Whitworth Streets. He felt like the town had aided in the subdivision of the pipeline property with the thought that they were doing something good, but in hindsight it appears that a grand canyon had been created between Crenshaw and Whitworth Streets. After much discussion, Ordinance No. 587 was introduced to allow parking on the west side of

Whitworth Street. Parking would not be allowed on the pipeline right-of-way or the Whitworth Street easement. A public hearing is scheduled for July 8, 2008 at 7.P.M.

Item #13 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance No. 587 – To amend section 13-56 to allow parking on the west side of Whitworth Street. Damon Robison voted to expand the agenda to introduce Ordinance No. 587. Troy Lombardo seconded the motion. Duval Arthur made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 587. The motion was seconded by Troy Lombardo. Councilmen Edgar Thomas, Damon Robison, Duval Arthur and Troy Lombardo voted to introduce the ordinance. Councilwoman Penny Crappell voted not to introduce the ordinance. On a vote of four to one, the ordinance was introduced.

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