



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Public Meeting Date: July 12, 2016

Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.

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: June 14, 2016

Treasurer's Report

The Beacon Shines on

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

PUBLIC HEARING

1.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCE/ADOPT

1.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.

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**

July 12, 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, July 12, 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 Greg Roussel led the prayer.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jacki Ackel 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 Jacki Ackel 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 July 2016.

The guests for July, 2016, were Jackie and Frank Price with the BEARS Ham Radio club. Their annual Lighthouse Weekend is scheduled for 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 June, 2016, were about the same amount written in June, 2015. Chief Richard was asked how the investigation was going about the shooting on Sixth Street. He stated that the department had contacted the State Police and the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's office, but the witnesses were not talking to the police and it was hard to gather information. The case is still being worked. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, Fire report.

Chief Allen Rink was not present and Town Clerk, Newell Slaughter gave the fire report and stated that they had 27 calls for June, 2016. There were 21 medical calls, 2 auto wrecks, 3 false alarms, and 1 good intent call. 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 June, 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 water fountain and lighting at the Gazebo on Fairview Drive has been installed. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Town Engineer Reid Miller was present and stated that the sewer project on Highway 182 and Old Spanish Trail is waiting for the permit from the Corp of Engineers. Once the permit is received the project will be ready to go out for bid. The town is currently waiting on assurance from the State of Louisiana that the funds will be available to complete the project. If funding is not available this year, the permits and mitigation will remain in effect. 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. Parker Felterman will be performing a play at the Morgan City Auditorium that he wrote and co-directed. The play will be held on July 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, Public Hearings.

Item #1 under Public Hearings – No Public Hearings in July.

Item #1 under Ordinances - Introduce/Adopt – No Ordinances in July.

Item #1 under new business – No New Business in July.

Mayor Ratcliff stated that the “Rockin the Riverfront” that was held on July 3, 2016 on the Berwick Riverfront was a great success. Music was provided by the Gone Pecans (2 - 5 PM) and Old Soul (5:30 – 8:30 PM). Food and drinks were provided by the Berwick Volunteer Fire Department and The Big Chill. He also stated the Mayor of the Town of Baldwin stopped by Town Hall stating that they were having a Summer Fest this weekend and invited everyone to attend. Councilman Roussel encouraged everyone to support the Berwick High Booster Club Golf Tournament that will be held at the Country Club on August 13. Mayor Pro-Tem Jacki Ackel stated that some Berwick High students attended an AARP function and served food to the members. The membership was very pleased with the effort of the students. There is a mixer planned for August 18, 2016, at the Berwick Civic Center for AARP members and students from Berwick High School.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the motion to adjourn was approved unanimously.

Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk