



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

July 12, 2005

Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.

Prayer:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Ed Thomas, Elaine Cantrell, Louis Ratcliff, Bill Johnson, Ray Rasberry

Minutes from last meeting: June 14, 2005

Treasurer's Report:

Police Report:

Fire Report:

Public Works Report:

Committee Reports:

Consulting Engineers Report:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Appoint Ray Rasberry Fire Chief**
2. **Introduce Ordinance 543 – enact Section 12-47/collect Insurance License Tax**
3. **Introduce Ordinance 544 – enact Section 12-18/collect Occupational License Tax**
4. **Introduce Ordinance 545 – Levying and imposing 12.12 mill property tax**
5. **Introduce Ordinance 546 – Levying \$25/acre Drainage Tax**
6. **Mosquito Control Recommendation**
7. **Jeff Lagrange – Wax Lake East Tax Renewal**
8. **Resolution of Support – Wax Lake East Tax Renewal**
9. **Resolution of Respect – John E. “Ed” Kyle**

Adjournment

Newell W. Slaughter, Town Clerk

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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, 2005

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, 2005 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

There were present: Mayor Emmett Hardaway, and Council members, Bill Johnson, Ray Rasberry, Louis Ratcliff, and Edgar Thomas, Jr.

Absent: Elaine Cantrell

Also present were representatives of the Daily Review, KQKI and Channel 39.

Mayor Hardaway led the prayer.

Bill Johnson 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 Bill Johnson.

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

Chief James Richard presented the police report, a copy of which was included in each of the Councilmen's packets, for the month of June, 2005. Chief Richard noted that there had been an increase in arrests for the same period in 2004.

Chief Ray Rasberry presented the fire report for the month of June, 2005. There were three fire calls for the month. Chief Rasberry stated that flow testing of fire hydrants had begun and it should be completed in about a month.

The 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. There being no questions for Mr. Benoit, the council moved on to the next item on the agenda.

Carl Jacob presented the consulting engineers report. Mr. Jacob stated that the legislature is now in session and that the Town of Berwick has been awarded \$90,000 in capital outlay funds for a 12" water line Fairview Drive. All utilities for the Highway 90 development are installed. Wards 5 & 8 is nearly finished with the sewer pump station at the Highway 90 property. The new pumping station on the Berwick Borrow canal is about 93% complete. The pumps have been installed. The new pump station should be on line by mid August, 2005. He has submitted the enhancement projects, lights on the pathway and the downtown development plan, to the state for funding. He is currently working on the design and survey for the Renwick Boulevard extension.

Item # 1 the agenda – Appoint Ray Rasberry Fire Chief. Upon motion from Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Bill Johnson, Mr. Rasberry was approved unanimously.

Item # 2 on the agenda - Introduce Ordinance 543-enact Section 12-47/collect Insurance License Tax. Upon motion Ray Rasberry and seconded Bill Johnson, the introduction was approved unanimously.

Item # 3 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance 544-enact Section 12-18/collect Occupational License Tax. Upon motion by Bill Johnson and seconded by Louis Ratcliff, the introduction was approved unanimously.

Item # 4 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance 545-Levy and imposing 12.12 mill property tax. Upon motion by Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Ray Rasberry, the introduction was approved unanimously.

Item #5 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance 546-Levying \$25/acre Drainage Tax. Upon motion by Ray Rasberry and seconded by Bill Johnson, the introduction was approved unanimously.

Item # 6 on the agenda – Mosquito Control Recommendation. Mayor Hardaway recommended the town enter into a 6 (six) agreement with Mosquito Control Contractors, Inc. to provide surveillance and testing for mosquito control. Upon motion Bill Johnson and seconded by Ray Rasberry the recommendation was approved unanimously.

Item # 6 on the agenda – Jeff Lagrange/Wax Lake East Tax Renewal. Mr Lagrange did not attend the meeting, but Councilman Ratcliff urged the public to vote in support of the tax proposal.

Item # 7 on the agenda – Resolution of support/Wax Lake East Tax Renewal. Upon motion by Bill Johnson and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #8 on the agenda – Resolution of respect/John E. “Ed” Kyle. Upon motion by Edgar Thomas and seconded by Louis Ratcliff, the resolution was approved unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion by Ray Rasberry and seconded by Bill Johnson the meeting adjourned.

Emmett Hardaway, Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter, CAO/Town Clerk