



**Town of Berwick**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**July 11, 2006**

**DATE OF NOTICE: July 5, 2006**

**A public hearing will be held as follows:**

**DATE: July 11, 2006**  
**TIME: 7:15 P.M.**  
**PLACE OF MEETING: 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, Elaine Cantrell, Louis Ratcliff, Bill Johnson, Ray Rasberry**  
**Minutes from last meeting: June 20, 2006**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Police Report**  
**Fire Report**  
**Public Works Report**  
**Committee Reports**  
**Consulting Engineers Report**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. 7:15 Public Hearing Ordinance No. 555 – Set forth millage rates for 2006**
- 2. 7:15 Public Hearing Ordinance No. 556 - Drainage Tax**
- 3. 7:15 Public Hearing Ordinance No. 557 – Transfer to BDD Renwick Phase 2**
- 4. Adopt Ordinance No. 555 – Set for millage rates for 2006**
- 5. Adopt Ordinance No. 556 – Drainage Tax**
- 6. Adopt Ordinance No. 557 – Transfer to BDD Renwick Phase 2**
- 7. Red Ribbon Committee**
- 8. Re-appoint Eunice Cunningham to Berwick Housing Board**
- 9. Introduce Ordinance 558 – Water Front Property Leases-L & L Oil & Gas & Others**
- 10. Set Budget Workshop for July 25, 2006**

**Adjournment**

**Newell W. Slaughter, Town Clerk**  
**Town of Berwick**  
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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 11, 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, July 11, 2006 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

There were present: Council members, Edgar Thomas, Louis Ratcliff, and Ray Rasberry.

Absent: Elaine Cantrell and Bill Johnson

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

Mayor Emmett Hardaway led the prayer.

Edgar Thomas 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 Louis Ratcliff.

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, 2006. Chief Richard noted that there had been a significant increase in the number of tickets written in May 2006 compared to May 2005 because there had been a speeding grant for the month of June. There had also been a large increase in the number of miles controlled. Chief Richard said that the Dare Garage Sale was a big success. Chief Richard said that there had been a lot of donations to the Garage Sale and the he would send letters of gratitude to those donors.

Mayor Hardaway presented the fire report for Chief Francis Fromenthal and stated that there were zero fire calls for the month of June, 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. Councilman Thomas questioned Mr. Benoit about the compaction on the extension of Renwick Boulevard. Mr. Benoit stated that the matter has been addressed by the Town Engineer and the Contractor and it has been resolved. Mr. Benoit stated that there had been a few water breaks in town, but they were repaired. After no further 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 75% complete. The overall project is approximately 65% complete with 57% of the contract time being used. The Contractor has requested Partial Payment No. 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. Payment request number 4 in the amount of \$168,943.29 has been presented to the town for payment. 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 Items # 1 & 4 on the agenda – Public Hearing Ordinance No. 555 – Set forth millage rates for 2006. There being no comments from the council or audience, the mayor closed the public hearing. Upon motion by Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the ordinance was approved unanimously.

Items # 2 & 5 on the agenda – Public Hearing Ordinance No. 556 – Drainage Fee. There being no comments from the council or audience, the mayor closed the public hearing. Upon motion by Ray Rasberry and seconded by Louis Ratcliff, the ordinance was approved unanimously.

Items # 3 & 6 on the agenda – Public Hearing Ordinance No. 557. Transfer Renwick Phase II to Berwick Development District. Due to the fact that the legal description had to be changed on the new lots from Block F to Block J the ordinance had to be updated to reflect the new description. Since there is a public hearing scheduled by the Development District in August, Town Attorney, Allen McElroy, recommended that Ordinance 557 be tabled until the September 12 council meeting. Upon motion by Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Ray Rasberry, the ordinance was tabled unanimously.

Item # 7 on the agenda – Red Ribbon Committee. Jackie Ackel addressed the council requesting funds in the amount of \$500 in support of the Red Ribbon Committee. Town Attorney, Allen McElroy, stated the town could not make a donation to the Committee without an intergovernmental agreement. Mr. McElroy stated that he would prepare the agreement and present it to the town. Upon motion by Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Ray Rasberry, the request for funding was approved unanimously pending receipt of the intergovernmental agreement.

Item # 8 on the agenda – Re-appoint Eunice Cunningham to the Berwick Housing Authority. Upon motion by Edgar Thomas and seconded by Louis Ratcliff, the appointment was approved unanimously.

Item # 9 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance 558 – Water Front Property Lease - L & L Oil & Gas and Others. Upon motion by Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item # 10 on the agenda – Set budget workshop for July 25, 2006. With no comments from the council, the budget workshop was set for July 25, 2006 at 6:00 P.M.

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

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Emmett Hardaway - Mayor

ATTEST:

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Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk