



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

July 9, 2013

Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Duval Arthur, Troy Lombardo, Damon Robison, Greg Roussel, Edgar Thomas

Minutes from last meeting: June 11, 2013

Treasurer's Report

The Beacon Shines on...Ovay Rogers

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Resolution No. 09-13 - Grant Right-Of-Way to Detel Wireless**
- 2. Introduce Ordinance No. 646 – Vehicles/Boats on flooded streets**

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 9, 2013

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 9, 2013, at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

There were present: Council members Duval Arthur, Damon Robison, Greg Roussel, and Edgar Thomas.

Absent: Troy Lombardo

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

Councilman Duval Arthur led the prayer.

Councilman Greg Roussel 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 Duval Arthur and seconded by Edgar Thomas.

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

For the month of June, 2013, the Beacon Shines On Oway Rogers. Mayor Pro-Tem presented former Chief of Police/CAO with a certificate thanking him for his years of service to the Town of Berwick and its residents.

Guests: None

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of June, 2013. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for June, 2013, were about the same amount written in June 2012. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for June, 2013, were also about the same amount written in June, 2012. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the fire report.

Chief Allen Rink presented the fire report for June. He reported 26 calls for the month. Due to computer problems, Chief Rink did not specify the type of calls for the month, but he did say that it was the busiest month on record. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Public Works report.

Town Superintendent Rafael Lopez presented the Public Works report. Town crews are working on clearing drainage canals, ditches and completing other projects. The five year levee inspection by the Corp of Engineers was completed in June and the town got a favorable review. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Town Engineer Reid Miller stated that his crews surveyed the drainage system for the Town of Berwick and found that the system was clean and operating properly. One area behind the landfill did need maintenance and town crews will begin cleaning that section in the next two weeks. Planning and Zoning Director Gary Beadle stated that the Planning & Zoning Board did not meet. Councilman Roussel stated that town crews will be making improvements to Black Bear Field at the Civic Center and that they are looking at improvements to Willie Steward Park. Jacki Ackel stated the Anti-Litter Committee will be in Berwick in August to explore areas that may need attention. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item #1 on the agenda – Resolution No. 09-13 – Grant Right of Way to Detel Wireless. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Greg Roussel, the ROW was granted unanimously.

Item #2 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance No. 646 – Vehicles/Boats on flooded streets. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Greg Roussel, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Mayor Ratcliff stated that the agenda needed to be expanded to consider Resolution No. 10-13 which would grant a 25' Right of Way to the Town of Berwick on property owned by the Lighthouse Community Church in Berwick. The Right of Way would be used to install additional drainage from Snead Street to the Pattie Drive drainage ditch. Damon Robison made the motion to expand the agenda. Edgar Thomas seconded the motion. The motion to expand passed unanimously. Damon Robison then made a motion to approve resolution No. 10-13. Edgar Thomas seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

Mayor Ratcliff opened the floor for Brandy Smith who lives on Hogan Street in Country Club Subdivision. Mrs. Smith was concerned that the Hogan Street drainage ditch was eroding her property and was seeking answers from the mayor and council as to who owned the ditch. Town Attorney Allen McElroy stated that the town did not have a dedicated Right of Way but the town has been cleaning the ditch for years. Mrs. Smith also stated that the St. Mary Country Club has improved the drainage on their property causing their water to drain faster. She believes that the Hogan Street ditch cannot handle the increased rate of the water coming off the course. After much discussion, Mayor Ratcliff asked Town Engineer Reid Miller to investigate the problem and try to come up with a solution to the problem.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the meeting adjourned.

Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk