



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

August 11, 2015

Date of Notice: August 4, 2015

A Public Hearing will be held as follows:

Date: August 11, 2015
Time: 7:15 P.M.
Place: Council Meeting Room
3225 Third Street
Berwick, LA 70342

Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jacki Ackel, Duval Arthur, Troy Lombardo, Damon Robison, Greg Roussel

Minutes from last meeting: July 14, 2015

Treasurer's Report

The Beacon Shines on...

Guests: Lewis Pittman – Candidate for 16th Judicial District Judge, Regan Carpenter-Eagle Scout Project

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

PUBLIC HEARINGS @ 7:15

1. **Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 666 – To grant franchise to Pelican Waste & Debris, LLC, concerning collection and disposal of residential solid waste**

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCE/ADOPT

1. **Adopt Ordinance No. 666 – To grant franchise to Pelican Waste & Debris, LLC, concerning collection and disposal of residential solid waste**
2. **Introduce Ordinance No. 667 – Amend 2014-15 Consolidated Budget**
3. **Introduce Ordinance No. 668 – 2015-16 Consolidated Budget**

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- 1.

New Business:

1. **Tamara Newcomb – Wedding under bridge on August 29, 2015 at 5:30 P.M.**
2. **David Hanagriff – Candidate for St. Mary Parish President**
3. **BEARS Ham Radio Club – Discuss upcoming event**

Adjournment

Newell 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**

August 11, 2015

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, August 11, 2015, 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 a representatives of KWBJ and The Daily Review.

Councilman Duval Arthur 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 Damon Robison.

The Treasurer's report, having been reviewed, was approved without reading upon motion by Greg Roussel and seconded by Troy Lombardo.

The Beacon did not shine on anyone for August, 2015.

The guests for August, 2015 were Mr. Lewis Pittman, Regan Carpenter, Beverly Domengeaux, and Parish Councilman David Hanagriff. Mr. Pittman, a candidate for 16th Judicial Judge, Division D, addressed the mayor and council and stated his qualifications for the office and asked for their support. Regan Carpenter, an Eagle Scout candidate, addressed the mayor and council and outlined his proposed project. He proposes to construct and place two Little Free Libraries on the walking trail. The mayor and council gave him unanimous support. Mrs. Domengeaux invited the mayor and council to attend the St. Mary Council on Aging's Monday Nite Senior Fever. It will be held on September 28, 2015 at the Patterson Civic Center. It is a meet and greet where parish & local government officials can mingle and meet seniors from all over the parish. Councilman David Hanagriff, a candidate for St. Mary Parish President, addressed the mayor and council and stated his qualification for the office and asked for their support.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of July, 2015. Chief Richard stated that the tickets issued for July, 2015, were about three times the amount written in July, 2014. Chief Richard stated that school has started and his department is working the school zones. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the fire report.

Lt. Hugo Taylor presented the fire report and stated that they had 37 calls for July, 2015. There were 31 medical assist calls, 1 vehicle accident, 3 good intention calls, 1 fire alarms and 1 false alarms. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Public Works report.

Public Works Director Rafael Lopez presented the Public Works report for July, 2015. Town crews are working on many projects at this time. Crews are repairing streets and sidewalks, repairing water leaks, cutting grass on the highways and other projects. Construction has begun on the final phase of the Berwick Walking Trail. This section will begin at the point on Fairview Drive where the trail descends the levee and intersects with Fairview Drive and ends at Renwick Boulevard. The project is approximately 30% complete. A new water fountain has been installed in Pharr Park. 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 design of the proposed sewer project on Highway 182 and Old Spanish Trail is completed. The plans have been forwarded to Facility Planning and Control in Baton Rouge. He is also working on Right of Ways for Berwick Land Company and Southern Equestrian Stables, and our permit is in the Corp of Engineers hands awaiting approval. He is still working on plans for the subdivision being developed by Privat Construction Company. A “plan in hand” meeting will be held on August 12, 2015, to discuss the sidewalk project for Old Berwick. Laura Riggs, and engineer with LDOT, will go over the plans for the proposed sidewalk project. Construction should begin in 2016. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Economic Development, Public Safety, and Wharf Committees had nothing to report. Planning and Zoning Director Gary Beadle stated that Mike Smith had approached him and stated that he will seek to subdivide a portion of his property on Old Spanish Trail. A meeting will be held in September to take action on his proposal. Troy Lombardo, Chairman of the Recreation Committee, stated that the new playground equipment for Willie Steward Park has arrived and will be installed next week. Mayor Ratcliff stated that we plan to use the B.P. settlement monies to pay for the new playground equipment. Mayor Pro-Tem Jacki Ackel stated that Rodney Grogan is working on an education program for the Parish litter program. More information will be available at the September Council Meeting. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, Public Hearings.

Item #1 under Public Hearings – Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 666 - To grant franchise to Pelican Waste & Debris, LLC, concerning collection and disposal of residential solid waste. After no comments from the audience or the council, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #1 under Ordinance – Introduce/Adopt – Adopt Ordinance No. 666 – To grant franchise to Pelican Waste & Debris, LLC, concerning collection and disposal of residential solid waste. Upon advice from Town Attorney Allen McElroy, a motion was made to amend the proposed ordinance to include the proposed start date of the contract, which will be November 1, 2015. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Greg Roussel, the ordinance was amended by unanimous voice vote to include the start date of November. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the ordinance was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Item #2 under Ordinances – Introduce/Adopt – Introduce Ordinance No. 667 – Amend 2014-15 Consolidated Budget. Upon motion by Jacki Ackel and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #3 under Ordinances – Introduce/Adopt – Introduce Ordinance No. 668 – 2015-16 Consolidated Budget. Upon motion by Greg Roussel and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #1 under new business – Tamara Newcomb – Wedding under bridge on August 29, 2015. Miss Newcomb did not attend the meeting, therefore no action was taken on her request.

Item #2 under new business – David Hanagriff – Candidate for St. Mary Parish Council President. See comments under guests above.

Item #3 under new business – BEARS Ham Radio Club. Mrs. Jacki Price addressed the mayor and council and stated that the club would be holding its annual event at the Lighthouse this weekend, August 15th & 16th. She thanked the mayor and council for their support of the event.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion by Greg Roussel and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the meeting adjourned.

Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk