



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Public Meeting Date: August 9, 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: July 12, 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. Introduce Ordinance No. 677 – Amend 2015-16 Consolidated Budget**
- 2. Introduce Ordinance No. 678 – Introduce 2016-17 Consolidated Budget**
- 3. Introduce Ordinance No. 679 – Wharf Lease for Parcel No. 6 – Sewert Supply**
- 4. Introduce Ordinance No. 680 – Wharf Lease for Parcel No. 7 – Jo Ann Butler**

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Parade Permit for Tri-City football teams in support of local police. August 11, 2016 at 6:30 PM.**

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**

August 9, 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, August 9, 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 Damon Robison 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 Damon Robison.

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

The Beacon did not shine on anyone for August 2016.

The guests for July, 2016, were Beverly Domengeaux, with St. Mary Council on Aging, and Jackie and Frank Price with the BEARS Ham Radio club. Mrs. Domengeaux did not address the mayor and council, but she reminded everyone that the New Generation Club will have an Intergenerational meeting on August 18. This will allow young and old citizens to meet and share information and knowledge with each other. The BEARS are holding their annual International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend on August 20-21, 2016 on the Riverfront, near the Berwick Lighthouse.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of July, 2016. Chief Richard stated that the police department is gearing up for the start of Berwick High School football season. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, Fire report.

Assistant Chief Hugo Taylor presented the fire report and stated that they had 24 calls for July, 2016. There were 8 medical calls, 7 auto wrecks, 5 false alarms, 3 good intent calls, and 1 small stove fire. 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 July, 2016. 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 preparing for the Shrimp & Petroleum Festival. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Town Engineer Reid Miller was not present. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Planning and Zoning, Economic Development, Recreation, Litter and Public Safety Committees had nothing to report. 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 – Introduce Ordinance No. 677 – Amend 2015-16 Consolidated Budget. Upon motion Troy Lombardo and seconded by Damon Robison the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #2 under Ordinances – Introduce/Adopt – Introduce Ordinance No. 678 – Introduce 2016-17 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. 679 – Wharf Lease for Parcel No. 6 – Sewart Supply. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #4 under Ordinances – Introduce/Adopt – Introduce Ordinance No. 680 – Wharf Lease for Parcel No. 7 – Jo Ann Butler. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #1 under new business – Parade permit for Tri-City football teams in support of local police. Upon motion Duval Arthur and seconded by Jacki Ackel, the permit was approved unanimously.

Councilman Roussel reminded everyone that the Berwick High School Benefit Golf Tournament will be held August 13 at the St. Mary Country Club, weather permitting. If canceled for weather, it will be held on August 20.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Greg Roussel, the motion to adjourn was approved unanimously.

Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk