



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

DATE OF NOTICE: August 5, 2005

A public hearing will be held as follows:

DATE: August 9, 2005

TIME: 7:15 P.M.

PLACE OF MEETING: Town Hall Council Room
3225 Third Street
Berwick, LA 70342

Agenda:

Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.

Prayer:

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Minutes from last meeting: July 12, 2005

Treasurer's Report:

Police Report:

Fire Report:

Public Works Report:

Committee Reports:

Consulting Engineers Report:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 7:15 Public Hearing – Ordinance 543 Sec. 12-47/Collect Insurance Tax
2. 7:15 Public Hearing – Ordinance 544 Sec. 12-18/Collect Occupa. Lic Tax
3. 7:15 Public Hearing – Ordinance 545 Levying/imposing 18.12 mill prop. Tax
4. 7:15 Public Hearing – Ordinance 546 Levying \$25/acre Drainage Tax
5. Adopt Ordinance 543 – Sec. 12-47/Collect Insurance Tax
6. Adopt Ordinance 544 – Sec. 12-18/Collect Occupational License Tax
7. Adopt Ordinance 545 – Levying/Imposing 18.12 Mill Property Tax
8. Adopt Ordinance 546 – Levying \$25/acre Drainage Tax
9. Introduce Ordinance 547 – Fire Chief
10. Introduce Ordinance 548 – Amend 2004-2005 Budget
11. Introduce Ordinance 549 – 2005-2006 Budget
12. Introduce Ordinance 550 – Sewer Service Charge Increase
13. Introduce Ordinance 551 – Increase Garbage Collection Fee
14. Intergovernmental Agreement/St. Mary Parish – Collect Occupational License
15. Approve liquor license for Hollywood Truck Stop

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, 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, August 9, 2005 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: None

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

Mayor 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 Elaine Cantrell and seconded by Bill Johnson.

The Treasurer's report, having been reviewed, was approved without reading upon motion by Ray Rasberry 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 July, 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 July, 2005. There were three fire calls for the month with two being false alarms. Gumbo tickets are now on sale for the Gumbo dinner to be held on September 3, 2005.

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. Mr. Benoit was not present but there were no questions from the audience. Mayor Hardaway did state the town had suffered some broken water due to the extreme heat. None of the breaks were serious.

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. He stated a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement will need to be processed by the State prior to moving forward on the project. 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 almost complete. Then natural gas supply is being completed and tentative start-up is approximately August 15, 2005. He has submitted the enhancement projects, lights on the pathway and the downtown development plan, to the state for funding. Renwick Boulevard extension has been designed and final plans are being reviewed.

Mayor called for a public hearing at 7:15 on 4(four) items: (1) Ordinance 543/Section 12-47-collect Insurance License Tax, (2) Ordinance 544-section 12-18/collect Occupational License Tax, (3) Ordinance 545-Levying and imposing a property of twelve and twelve one hundredths (12.12) mills in Town of Berwick for the year 2005 for General Fund and a tax of six (6) mills for the year for public improvements, (4) Ordinance 546- To levy a drainage tax of \$25.00 per acre on land in the boundaries of the Town for the year 2005. There being no comments the mayor preceded to items #5, #6, #7, and #8 on the agenda.

Item # 5 on the agenda – adopt Ordinance 543-enact Section 12-47/collect Insurance License Tax. Upon motion Louis Ratcliff and seconded Ray Rasberry, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item # 6 on the agenda – adopt Ordinance 544-enact Section 12-18/collect Occupational License Tax. Upon motion by Ray Rasberry and seconded by Elaine Cantrell, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item # 7 on the agenda – adopt Ordinance 545-Levying and imposing 12.12 mill property tax. Upon motion by Bill Johnson and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item #8 on the agenda – adopt Ordinance 546-Levying \$25/acre Drainage Tax. Upon motion by Ray Rasberry and seconded by Elaine Cantrell, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item # 9 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance 547-Fire Chief. Upon motion Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Edgar Thomas the introduction was approved unanimously.

Item # 10 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance 548-Amend 2004-2005 budget. Upon motion by Ray Rasberry and seconded by Bill Johnson the introduction was approved unanimously.

Item # 11 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance 549-2005-06 Budget. Upon motion Elaine Cantrell and seconded by Ray Rasberry, the introduction was approved unanimously.

Item #12 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance 550-Sewer Service Charge Increase. Upon motion by Bill Johnson and seconded by Louis Ratcliff, the introduction was approved unanimously.

Item #13 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance 551-Increase Garbage Collection Fee. Upon motion by Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Ray Rasberry the introduction was approved unanimously.

Item #14 on the agenda – Intergovernmental Agreement between St. Mary Parish and the Town of Berwick. Upon motion by Ray Rasberry and seconded by Bill Johnson the agreement was approved unanimously.

Item #15 on the agenda – approved liquor license for Hollywood Truck Stop/Casino. Upon motion by Ray Rasberry and seconded by Elaine Cantrell the license 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