



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

August 8, 2006

DATE OF NOTICE: August 1, 2006

A public hearing will be held as follows:

DATE: August 8, 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: July 11, 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. 558 – Water Front Property Leases-L & L Oil & Gas & Others**
- 2. Adopt Ordinance 558 – Water Front Property Leases-L & L Oil & Gas & Others**
- 3. Resolution – Systems Compliance Questionnaire**
- 4. Introduce Ordinance 559 – Amend 2005-06 Budget**
- 5. Beverly Domengeaux – Council on Aging**
- 6. Name Daily Review as Official Journal**
- 7. SWDI contract**
- 8. Introduce Ordinance 560 – Introduce 2006-07 Budget**
- 9. Introduce Ordinance 561 – Garbage Pickup Fee increase**

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 8, 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, August 8, 2006 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also present were representatives of the KQKI, 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 Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Bill Johnson.

The Treasurer's report, having been reviewed, was approved without reading upon motion by Elaine Cantrell and seconded by Ray Rasberry.

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, 2006. Chief Richard noted that there had been an increase in the number of tickets written in July 2006 compared to July 2005 because there had been a speeding grant for the month of June. There had also been an increase in the number of miles controlled. After no comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on the next item on the agenda.

Chief Francis Fromenthal and stated that there were 12 fire calls for the month of July, 2006. Councilman Thomas congratulated Chief Fromenthal for the good job in handling the house fire on Fairview Drive. After no further comments, the mayor moved to the next item on the agenda.

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. After no 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 80% complete. The overall project is approximately 77% complete with 70% of the contract time being used. A change order was executed to provide for a west bound turning lane onto Highway 182. Payment request number 5 in the amount of \$134,054.24 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. Gulf South expects to receive comments on the two projects from LDOTD by the beginning of October 2006.

Mayor then moved to Items # 1 & 2 on the agenda – Public Hearing Ordinance No. 558 – Water Front Property Leases – L&L Oil & Gas and Others. There being no comments from the council or audience, the mayor closed the public hearing. Upon motion by Elaine Cantrell and seconded by Ray Rasberry, the ordinance was approved unanimously.

Items # 3 on the agenda – Resolution – Systems Compliance Questionnaire. Upon motion by Bill Johnson and seconded by Louis Ratcliff, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Items # 4 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance No. 559 - Amend 2005-06 Budget. Upon motion by Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item # 5 on the agenda – Beverly Domengeaux – Council on Aging. Miss Domengeaux addressed the council to thank them for their support of the Council on Aging. She stated that they served 47 residents of the Town of Berwick with their “meals on wheels” program.

Item # 6 on the agenda – Name the Daily Review as Official Journal – Mayor Hardaway officially named The Daily Review as the Official Municipal Journal for the Town of Berwick.

Item # 7 on the agenda – SWDI Contract – Allow Mayor Hardaway to negotiate a contract with SWDI. Upon motion by Bill Johnson and seconded by Ray Rasberry, the council granted Mayor Hardaway permission to negotiate the contract unanimously.

Item # 8 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance 560 – Introduce 2006-07 Budget. Upon motion by Ray Rasberry and seconded by Bill Johnson, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item # 9 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance 561 – Garbage Pickup Fee. Upon motion by Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Elaine Cantrell, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Mayor Hardaway asked for comments from the audience and Mr. Roland Verrett wanted to address the council concerning the use of “engine air brakes” by truckers on the Highway 90 Bridge. Mr. Verrett stated that the trucks are really loud at his residence and he could not sleep at night. Mr. Verrett stated that the Town of Maurice had enacted an ordinance prohibiting the use of “engine air brakes” within their town limits. Mayor Hardaway asked Police Chief Richard to contact the Town of Maurice and get a copy of their ordinance.

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

Emmett Hardaway - Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk