



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Public Meeting Date: September 13, 2016
Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.
Place: Council Meeting Room
3225 Third Street
Berwick, LA 70342

A Public Hearing will be held as follows:

Date: September 13, 2016
Time: 7:15 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: August 9, 2016

Treasurer's Report

The Beacon Shines on

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

PUBLIC HEARING

- 1. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 677 – Amend 2015-16 Consolidated Budget**
- 2. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 678 – Adopt 2016-17 Consolidated Budget**
- 3. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 679 – Wharf Lease for Parcel No. 6 – Sewart Supply**
- 4. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 680 – Wharf Lease for Parcel No. 7 – Jo Ann Butler**

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCE/ADOPT

- 1. Adopt Ordinance No. 677 – Amend 2015-16 Consolidated Budget**
- 2. Adopt Ordinance No. 678 – Adopt 2016-17 Consolidated Budget**
- 3. Adopt Ordinance No. 679 – Wharf Lease for Parcel No. 6 – Sewart Supply**
- 4. Adopt Ordinance No. 680 – Wharf Lease for Parcel No. 7 – Jo Ann Butler**

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- 1. Resolution No. 13-16 – Support for 2017-18 LGAP Application**
- 2. Resolution No. 14-16 – Authorizing contract with Integrated Payment Solutions, LLC**

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Parade Permit for Berwick High School Homecoming Parade – September 22, 2016 @ 4:00 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**

September 13, 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, September 13, 2016, at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

There were present: Council members Duval Arthur, Troy Lombardo, Damon Robison, and Greg Roussel.

Absent: Jacki Ackel

Also present was representatives of The Daily Review and KWBJ.

Councilman Duval Arthur led the prayer.

Councilman Troy Lombardo 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 Greg Roussel and seconded by Troy Lombardo.

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

The Beacon did not shine on anyone for September 2016.

The guests for September, 2016, were Beverly Domengeaux, with St. Mary Council on Aging, and Jackie and Frank Price with the BEARS Ham Radio club. Mayor Ratcliff congratulated Mrs. Domengeaux on being named a Peoples Health Champion. She was honored for her work helping the senior citizens of St. Mary Parish. The BEARS held their annual International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend on August 20-21, 2016 on the Riverfront, near the Berwick Lighthouse. They made 40 contacts around the world including 18 states and 3 foreign countries. They have registered for the 2017 event.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of August, 2016. Chief Richard stated that the police department is geared up for the start of Berwick High School football season. Arrests and fines were about the same as August, 2015. 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 27 calls for August, 2016. There were 17 medical calls, 5 auto wrecks, 2 false alarms, 2 good intent calls, and 1 high angle rescue. 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 August, 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 Lighthouse Festival. A new sewer line on Fairview Drive is under construction. 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 we are nearing the point in the year where we submit capital outlay requests to the State of Louisiana. He will speak with Town CAO Newell Slaughter and Mayor Ratcliff and prepare the submissions. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Economic Development, Recreation, Litter and Public Safety Committees had nothing to report. Planning & Zoning Director Gary Beadle stated that a public hearing is scheduled for October to discuss changes to the Town's zoning ordinances. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, Public Hearings.

Item #1 under Public Hearings – Ordinance No. 677 – Amend 2015-16 Consolidated Budget. After no comments from the council or audience, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #2 under Public Hearings – Ordinance No. 678 – Adopt 2016-17 Consolidated Budget. After no comments from the council or audience, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #3 under Public Hearings – Ordinance NO. 679 – Wharf Lease for Parcel No. 6 – Sewart Supply. After no comments from the council or audience, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #4 under Public Hearings – Ordinance No. 680 – Wharf Lease for Parcel No. 7 – Jo Ann Butler. After no comments from the council or audience, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #1 under Ordinances – Introduce/Adopt - Adopt Ordinance No. 677 – Amend 2015-16 Consolidated Budget. Upon motion Troy Lombardo and seconded by Damon Robison the ordinance was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Item #2 under Ordinances – Introduce/Adopt - Adopt Ordinance No. 678 – 2016-17 Consolidated Budget. Upon motion by Greg Roussel and seconded by Troy Lombardo the ordinance was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Item #3 under Ordinances – Introduce/Adopt - Adopt Ordinance No. 679 – Wharf Lease for Parcel No. 6 – Sewart Supply. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Duval Arthur, the ordinance was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Item #4 under Ordinances – Introduce/Adopt – Adopt Ordinance No. 680 – Wharf Lease for Parcel No. 7 – Jo Ann Butler. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the ordinance was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Item #1 under Resolutions/Proclamations – Resolution No. 13-16 – Support for 2017-18 LGAP Application. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #2 under Resolutions/Proclamations – Authorizing contract with Integrated Payment Solutions, LLC. Upon motion by Greg Roussel and seconded by Duval Arthur, the contract was approved unanimously.

Item #1 under new business – Parade permit for Berwick High School Homecoming Parade. The Berwick High School Junior Class officers requested a permit for their annual Homecoming Parade which will be held on September 22, 2016 at 4:00 PM. Upon motion Greg Roussel and seconded by Duval Arthur, the permit was approved unanimously.

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

Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk