



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

September 13, 2005

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: August 9, 2005

Treasurer's Report:

Police Report:

Fire Report:

Public Works Report:

Committee Reports:

Consulting Engineers Report:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 7:15 Public Hearing – Ordinance 547 – Fire Chief
2. 7:15 Public Hearing – Ordinance 548 - Amend 2004-05 Budget
3. 7:15 Public Hearing – Ordinance 549 – Adopt 2005-06 Budget
4. 7:15 Public Hearing – Ordinance 550 – Sewer Service Charge Increase
5. 7:15 Public Hearing – Ordinance 551 – Increase Garbage Collection Fee
6. Adopt Ordinance 547 – Fire Chief
7. Adopt Ordinance 548 – Amend 2004-05 Budget
8. Adopt Ordinance 549 – Adopt 2005-06 Budget
9. Adopt Ordinance 550 – Sewer Service Charge Increase
10. Adopt Ordinance 551 – Increase Garbage Collection Fee
11. Title Transfer – Star Enterprises, Inc. gravity sewer line
12. Resolution – 2005-06 Rural Development Grant Application
13. Lance Butler – Waste Management/change pickup days
14. Resolution of Respect – Wilbur Grow
15. Resolution of Support – Tigre Isle Resort

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, 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, September 13, 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.

Elaine Cantrell 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 Ray Rasberry and seconded by Bill Johnson.

The Treasurer's report, having been reviewed, was approved without reading upon motion by Elaine Cantrell 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 August, 2005. Chief Richard noted that there had been a decrease in arrests for the same period in 2004. Chief also stated that there had been no disturbances at the Civic Center which had been opened as a shelter for Hurricane Katrina victims. Mayor Hardaway complimented the community on the great response to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Chief Ray Rasberry presented the fire report for the month of August, 2005. There were seven fire calls for the month with two being false alarms. Gumbo tickets are now on sale for the Gumbo dinner to be held on October 8, 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 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. The natural gas supply has been completed and the pumps have been tested and are online. 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. An application for funding was made to the Atchafalaya Basin Program for the Riverfront area.

Mayor called for a public hearing at 7:15 on 5(five) items: (1) Ordinance 547 - Fire Chief, (2) Ordinance 548 – Amend 2004-05 Budget, (3) Ordinance 549 – Adopt 2005-06 Budget, (4) Ordinance 550 – Sewer Service Charge Increase, (5) Ordinance 551 – Increase Garbage Collection Fee. There being no comments, the mayor proceeded to items #6, #7, #8, #9 and #10 on the agenda.

Item # 6 on the agenda – adopt Ordinance 547-Fire Chief. Upon motion Louis Ratcliff and seconded Elaine Cantrell, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item # 7 on the agenda – adopt Ordinance 548-Amend 2004-05 Budget. Upon motion by Bill Johnson and seconded by Ray Rasberry, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item # 8 on the agenda – adopt Ordinance 549-Adopt 2005-06 Budget. Upon motion by Elaine Cantrell and seconded by Ray Rasberry, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item #9 on the agenda – adopt Ordinance 550-Sewer Service Charge Increase. Upon motion by Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Ray Rasberry, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item # 10 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance 551-Increase Garbage Collection Fee. Upon motion Ray Rasberry and seconded by Edgar Thomas the introduction was approved unanimously.

Item # 11 on the agenda – Star Enterprises, Inc./Donation of Gravity Sewer line at Highway 90 Development. Per Town Engineer Carl Jacobs, Star Enterprises, Inc. constructed the gravity sewer line and once it was completed and inspected it was to be donated to the Town of Berwick for operation and maintenance. This item on the agenda transfers the title of the property from Star Enterprises to the Town of Berwick. Upon motion by Bill Johnson and seconded by Louis Ratcliff, the item was approved unanimously.

Item # 12 on the agenda – 2005-06 Rural Development Grant Application. Upon motion Ray Rasberry and seconded by Louis Ratcliff, the resolution was approved unanimously. Mayor Hardaway stated that the grant would probably not be awarded due to the funds being dedicated to the Hurricane Katrina rebuilding efforts.

Item #13 on the agenda – Lance Butler/Waste Management. Mr Butler was not able to attend the meeting, but a meeting was scheduled with Mr. Butler for Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30 pm.

Item #14 on the agenda – Resolution of respect for Mr. Wilbur Grow. Upon motion by Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Bill Johnson the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #15 on the agenda – Resolution of support/Tigre Isle Resort. Upon motion by Bill Johnson and seconded by Louis Ratcliff the resolution 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