



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

September 12, 2006

DATE OF NOTICE: September 5, 2006

A public hearing will be held as follows:

DATE: September 12, 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: August 8, 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. 557 – Transfer property to BDD**
- 2. 7:15 Public Hearing Ordinance No. 559 – Amend 2005-06 Budget**
- 3. 7:15 Public Hearing Ordinance No. 560 – Introduce 2006-07 Budget**
- 4. 7:15 Public Hearing Ordinance No. 561 – Garbage Pickup Fee Increase**
- 5. Adopt Ordinance No. 557 – Transfer property to BDD**
- 6. Adopt Ordinance No. 559 – Amend 2005-06 Budget**
- 7. Adopt Ordinance No. 560 – 2006-07 Budget**
- 8. Adopt Ordinance No. 561 – Garbage Pickup Fee Increase**
- 9. Introduce Ordinance 562 – Prohibit Engine Air Brakes**
- 10. Authorize Gulf South Engineers to prepare specifications for Sewer Manhole Rehab.**
- 11. Proclamation – Family Day (Bayou Council on Alcoholism)**
- 12. St. Mary Council on Aging – Beverly Domengeaux – Sign Proclamation**

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 12, 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, September 12, 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 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, 2006. Chief Richard noted that there had been an increase in the number of tickets written in August 2006 compared to August 2005. Chief Richard stated that the speeding grant had expired during August. After no comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on the next item on the agenda.

Assistant Chief Heath Landry presented the fire report for August. There were 10 fire calls for the month of August, 2006. There was some discussion on the purchasing of new fire ladders for the department. Chief Fromenthal stated that the department was searching for a solution to the problem. 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. Mayor Pro-Tem Louis Ratcliff asked Mr. Benoit about the status of the replacement of the sewer manhole on Highway 182. Mr. Benoit stated that the town engineers were in the process of designing and preparing specifications for the replacement of the manhole. After no further 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 90% complete. The overall project is approximately 86% complete with 86% of the contract time being used. Payment request number 6 in the amount of \$90,187.79 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. Mr. Braud also stated that they would begin designing the specifications for the replacement of the sewer manhole on Highway 182 near the Wards 5 & 8 sewer lift station.

Mayor then moved to Item # 1 on the agenda – Public Hearing Ordinance No. 557 – Transfer property to Berwick Development District. There being no comments from the council or audience, the mayor closed the public hearing.

Items # 2 on the agenda – Public Hearing Ordinance No. 559 – Amend 2005-06 Budget. There being no comments from the council or audience, the mayor closed the public hearing.

Items # 3 on the agenda – Public Hearing Ordinance No. 560. Introduce 2006-07 Budget. There being no comments from the council or audience, the mayor closed the public hearing.

Item # 4 on the agenda – Public Hearing Ordinance No. 561 – Garbage Pickup Fee Increase. There being no comments from the council or audience, the mayor closed the public hearing.

Item # 5 on the agenda – Adopt Ordinance No. 557 – Transfer property to Berwick Development District. Upon motion by Ray Rasberry and seconded by Louis Ratcliff, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item # 6 on the agenda – Adopt Ordinance No. 559 – Amend 2006-07 Budget. Upon motion by Elaine Cantrell and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item # 7 on the agenda – Adopt Ordinance No. 560 – Adopt 2006-07 Budget. Upon motion by Bill Johnson and seconded by Louis Ratcliff, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item # 8 on the agenda – Adopt Ordinance 561 – Garbage Pickup Fee. Upon motion by Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Ray Rasberry, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item # 9 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance 562 - Exhaust Assisted Braking Prohibited. Upon motion by Elaine Cantrell and seconded by Louis Ratcliff, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item # 10 on the agenda – Authorize Mayor Hardaway to authorize Gulf South Engineers to proceed with design and specifications for the replacement of the sewer manhole on Highway 182, near the Wards 5 & 8 sewer lift station. Upon motion by Edgar Thomas and seconded by Bill Johnson, the authorization was granted unanimously.

Item # 11 on the agenda – Proclamation Family Day. Upon motion by Louis Ratcliff and seconded by Bill Johnson, the proclamation was approved unanimously.

Item # 12 on the agenda – Sign proclamation for the St. Mary Council on Aging. Ms. Domengeaux was not able to attend the council meeting, but the proclamation was signed at Town Hall earlier in the day.

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

Emmett Hardaway - Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk