



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

September 8, 2009

Date of Notice: September 1, 2009

A Public Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: September 8, 2009
Time: 7:15 P.M.
Place: Council Meeting Room
3225 Third Street
Berwick, LA 70342

AGENDA:

Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.
Prayer
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Duval Arthur, Penny Crappell, Troy Lombardo, Damon Robison, Edgar Thomas
Minutes from last meeting: August 11, 2009
Treasurer's Report
Guests:
Police Report
Fire Report
Public Works Report
Consulting Engineers Report
Committee Reports

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 7:15 P.M. – Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 607 – Amend 2008-09 Consolidated Budget
2. 7:15 P.M. – Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 608 – Adopt 2009-10 Consolidated Budget
3. Adopt Ordinance No. 607 - Amend 2008-09 Consolidated Budget
4. Adopt Ordinance No. 608 – Adopt 2009-10 Consolidated Budget
5. Resolution No. 18-09 – Office of Community Development – Support of Grant Application
6. Introduce Ordinance No. 610 – Amend Chapter 3, Section 3-11 and 3-12 to clarify businesses affected by distance measurement
7. Parade Permit – Berwick High School Homecoming Parade – Kim Vasquez

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 8, 2009

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 8, 2009 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

There were present: Council members, Duval Arthur, Troy Lombardo, Damon Robison, and Edgar Thomas.

Absent: Penny Crappell

Also present were representatives of The Daily Review, KWBJ and KQKI.

Councilman Troy Lombardo led the prayer.

Councilman Damon Robison 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 Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo.

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

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of August, 2009. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for August 2009 were higher than August 2008. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for August 2009 were higher than August 2008. Chief Richard stated that the weekend Shrimp and Petroleum Festival went very well and no incidents were reported. The Motorcycle run went off without any problems with fewer motorcycles than originally expected. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Fire Department report.

The fire report was presented by Chief Wayne LaCoste. There were five calls for August. The annual Shrimp Gumbo fund raiser was held on September 5 and was a great success. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Public Works report.

Town Superintendent Allen Benoit was not present and the report was submitted by Raphael Lopez. Mr. Lopez stated the new water fountain and the mister were installed on the walking trail. Councilman Robison stated that he had received good comments from citizens concerning the new fountain and mister. After no further comments, the Mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Consulting Engineer Glen Miller has begun the preliminary investigations of the additions to the sanitary sewer system along Old Spanish Trail and Highway 182. It should be completed within two weeks and will be presented at the October Council Meeting. Gary Beadle, Planning and Zoning Director, stated that consultant Leesa Foreman had the packets with the revisions to the zoning ordinances ready for review and they were distributed to the mayor and council and Town Attorney Allen McElroy. An ordinance will be introduced on October 13, 2009 and a public hearing will be called for November 10, 2009. The Recreation, Economic Development and Litter Committees did not have reports. Mayor Ratcliff appointed a new recreation committee of Penny Crappell, chairman, Dominic Thomas, Steve Russo, Roslyn Conrad, and Blair Sampey. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item #1 on the agenda – Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 607 – Amend 2008-09 Consolidated Budget. After no comments from the audience or council, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #2 on the agenda – Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 608 – Adopt 2009-10 Consolidated Budget. After no comments from the audience or council, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #3 on the agenda – Adopt Ordinance No. 607 – Amend 2008-09 Consolidated Budget. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Duval Arthur, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda – Adopt Ordinance No. 608 – Adopt 2009-10 Consolidated Budget. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item #5 on the agenda – Resolution No. 18-09 – Office of Community Development – Support of Grant Application. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #6 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance No. 610 – Amend Chapter 3, Sections 3-11 and 3-12 to clarify businesses affected by distance measurement. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #7 on the agenda – Parade Permit – Berwick High School Homecoming Parade. Berwick High School was represented by Kim Vasquez, Evyn Adams, Emily Lancon and Avery Gray. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the permit was granted unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the meeting adjourned.

Louis Ratcliff - Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk