



**Town of Berwick**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**September 10, 2013**

**Date of Notice: September 3, 2013**

**A Public meeting will be held as follows:**

**Date: September 10, 2013**  
**Time: 7:00 P.M.**  
**Place: Council Meeting Room**  
**3225 Third Street**  
**Berwick, LA 70342**

**Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.**

**Prayer**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call: Duval Arthur, Troy Lombardo, Damon Robison, Greg Roussel, Edgar Thomas**

**Minutes from last meeting: August 13, 2013**

**Treasurer's Report**

**The Beacon Shines on...**

**Guests: Mac Wade, Executive Director - Port of Morgan City**

**Police Report**

**Fire Report**

**Public Works Report**

**Consulting Engineers Report**

**Committee Reports**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 647 – Amend 2012-13 Consolidated Budget**
- 2. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 648 – Introduce 2013-14 Consolidated Budget**
- 3. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 649 – Amend Chapter 1, Section 1-8 – General Penalty, continuing violations**
- 4. Adopt Ordinance No. 647 – Amend 2012-13 Consolidated Budget**
- 5. Adopt Ordinance No. 648 – Introduce 2013-14 Consolidated Budget**
- 6. Adopt Ordinance No. 649 – Amend Chapter 1, Section 1-8 – General Penalty, continuing violations**
- 7. Parade Permit for Berwick High School Homecoming Parade – Kim Vasquez - September 26, 2013 @ 4:00 PM**
- 8. Approve Holiday Schedule for 2013-14**
- 9. Blair Warnke – Overpasses for Obama's Impeachment – Roadside Protest**

**Adjournment**

**Newell Slaughter, Town Clerk**  
**Town of Berwick**  
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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 10, 2013**

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 10, 2013, at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

There were present: Council members Duval Arthur, Troy Lombardo, Greg Roussel, and Edgar Thomas.

Absent: Damon Robison

Also present were representatives of The Daily Review and KWBJ.

Councilman Troy Lombardo led the prayer.

Mayor Pro-Tem Duval Arthur 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 Edgar Thomas.

Guests: Mac Wade, recently appointed as Executive Director of the Port of Morgan City addressed the mayor and council to introduce himself and expressed that he would work closely with them to attain common goals concerning the Atchafalaya River. He also thanked the mayor and council for attending the low water inspection of the river.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of August, 2013. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for August, 2013, were about the same amount written in August 2012. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for August, 2013, were also about the same amount written in August, 2012. Chief Richard stated that even though tickets and citations issued were about the same, revenue generated from these items was considerably less because of timing issues. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the fire report.

Fire Chief Allen Rink did not attend the meeting because of having to respond to a fire. Mayor Ratcliff read the report stating that the department responded to 14 medical calls, 2 false alarms and 4 motor vehicle crashes. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Public Works report.

Public Works Director Rafael Lopez presented the Public Works report. Town crews are have completed cleaning the drainage system. Crews have also completed picking up dirt and debris from the road right of ways. The Brown House painting is complete. The installation of the drainage pipe from Snead Street to Pattie Drive ditch is 100% complete. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Town Engineer Reid Miller did not attend the meeting but stated to Mayor Ratcliff that his crews are currently determining the boundaries of proposed right-of-ways for the Hogan Street ditch and the Pattie Drive ditch. There were no committee reports for the month. Councilman Lombardo stated that a recreation committee meeting was scheduled for September 11. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item #1 on agenda – Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 647 – Amend 2012-13 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. 648 – Adopt 2013-14 Consolidated Budget. After no comments from the audience or council, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.**

**Item #3 on the agenda – Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 649 – Amend Chapter 1, Section 1-8 – General Penalty, continuing violations. After no comments from the audience or council, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.**

**Item #4 on the agenda – Adopt Ordinance No. 647 – Amend 2012-13 Consolidated Budget. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the ordinance was adopted by unanimous voice vote.**

**Item #5 on the agenda – Adopt Ordinance No. 648 – Adopt 2013-14 Consolidated Budget. Upon motion by Greg Roussel and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the ordinance was adopted by unanimous voice vote.**

**Item #6 on the agenda – Adopt Ordinance No. 649 – Amend Chapter 1, Section 1-8 – General Penalty, continuing violations. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the ordinance was adopted by unanimous voice vote.**

**Item #7 on the agenda – Parade permit for Berwick High School Homecoming Parade – Kim Vasquez – September 26, 2013 @ 4:00 PM. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Greg Roussel, the permit was approved unanimously.**

**Item #8 on the agenda – Approve Holiday Schedule for 2013-14. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Greg Roussel, the holiday schedule was approved unanimously.**

**Item #9 on the agenda – Blair Warnke – Overpasses for Obama’s Impeachment – Roadside protest. After much discussion by the mayor, council and town attorney Allen McElroy, Mr. Warnke was advised the Town of Berwick could not issue a permit for a demonstration on the right of way of Highway 90. The Highway 90 right of way falls under the jurisdiction of the State of Louisiana and that he should contact the Louisiana Department of Transportation in Lafayette and request permission for the demonstration.**

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

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**Louis Ratcliff – Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk**