

**TOWN OF BERWICK  
AGENDA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
September 14, 2004**

**CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.**

**PRAYER:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**POLICE REPORT:**

**FIRE REPORT:**

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CONSULTING ENGINEERS REPORT:**

1. **7:15 Public Hearing - Ord. #535 - 2004-2005 Budget and 2004-2005 Budget**
2. **Consider for Adoption - Ord. #535 - 2004-2005 Budget and 2004-2005 Budget**
3. **Resolution - Rural Development Grant**
4. **Introduce - Ord. #536 - Swimming Pools**
5. **Appointment to Berwick Housing Authority Board**
6. **Announce date of Lighthouse Park Dedication - October 18th - 10:30 AM**
7. **Waste Management - Oil leaking from trucks**
8. **Widening of Fairview Drive from Pattie Drive to Hwy. 182**

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
OF THE TOWN OF BERWICK, STATE OF LOUISIANA  
TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY

September 14, 2004

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 14, 2004 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

There were present: Mayor Emmett Hardaway, and Councilmen, Bill Johnson, Ray Rasberry, Louis Ratcliff Elaine Cantrell and Edgar Thomas, Jr.

Absent: None

Also present were representatives of the Daily Review, KQKI and Channel 39.

Mayor Hardaway led the prayer.

Edgar Thomas, Jr. 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 Mr. Ratcliff and seconded by Mr. Johnson.

The Treasurer's report, having been reviewed, was approved without reading upon motion by Ms. Cantrell and seconded by Mr. 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 2004.

Chief Garrett Guillot presented the fire report, a copy of which was included in each of the Councilmen's packets for the month of July 2004. There were two calls for the month of August 2004: One was a call concerning a smoke smell (microwave overheated) and an extrication out of a mobile home in which a tree fell on it. The BVFD Gumbo was a success again this year.

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.

Gary Beadle appeared before the Mayor and Council with two items from the Planning and Zoning Committee. The first is to recommend approval of an application from Mr. Anthony Picou for subdivision of property for Express Oil Change/LA Glass Works. Upon motion by Mr. Ratcliff and second by Ms. Cantrell the application was approved. The second is an application by Mr. Cass Oubre and Darren Ledet to subdivide property by D & C Land Co., LLC. The Planning and Zoning Committee took no action at their September 7, 2004 meeting in order to receive more information before making a recommendation to the Mayor and Council on this item. The next Planning and Zoning Committee meeting will be held October 5, 2004 at 6:00 P.M. at the Berwick Civic Center.

The Mayor proceeded to item #1 on the agenda - A public hearing on the 2004-2005 Budget and Ordinance #535, the 2004-2005 Budget was opened by Mayor Hardaway. There were no comments. He then closed the public hearing.

Item #2 on the agenda – Consider for adoption the 2004-2005 Budget and Ordinance #535, 2004-2005 Budget. Upon motion by Mr. Ray, second by Mr. Johnson the 2004-2005 Budget and Ordinance #535 was unanimously approved.

Gulf South Engineers' monthly report was included in the packet, which each Councilman received prior to the meeting. There were six items as follows: (1) Downtown Redevelopment Master Plan – An application was made to the Atchafalaya Basin Program. The seawall pathway portion of the

redevelopment plan is being submitted to the Louisiana Dept. of Transportation and Development for consideration under the Transportation Enhancement Program. (2) Police Station Addition – This project is almost complete. (3) State Capital Outlay - 2004 – A public works shed was approved in the final version of the State Capital Outlay Bill. \$78,000 was approved for the project. (4) Transportation Enhancement Program – Two applications were submitted for July 31. One is for the seawall pathway as part of the downtown redevelopment plan and the other is for lights along the LA 182 path. (5) State Capital Outlay – 2005 – Applications are due November 1, 2004. (6) U.S. 90 Development – Coordinating installation of utilities. There is a request for Payment #9 (Final and Retainage) in the amount of \$25,739.32 on the new addition to the police station. The payment was approved; subject to fire marshal approval on completion of sprinkler system and the okay of Allen McElroy, GSE and the Mayor; upon motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Ratcliff.

Item #3 on the agenda – A Resolution supporting the completion of an application, requesting funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 from the State of Louisiana Rural Development funds for the fiscal year 2004-2005, which would be used to upgrade the water system and provide protection for future development. Upon motion by Ms. Cantrell and second by Mr. Thomas the Resolution was approved.

Item #4 on the agenda – To introduce an ordinance concerning maintenance of swimming pools. After a great deal of discussion the ordinance was amended then approved upon motion by Mr. Ratcliff and second by Mr. Rasberry.

Item #5 on the agenda – Appointments to Berwick Housing Authority Board – The Mayor recommends that Ms. Sara Campbell, Ms. Lily Rebaridi and Mr. Duval Arthur be reappointed to the Berwick Housing Authority Board. They were so appointed upon motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Rasberry.

Item #6 on the agenda – To announce the date of the dedication of the Everett S. Berry Lighthouse Park on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 A.M.

Item #7 on the agenda – Waste Management was unable to attend due to traffic caused by the evacuation from Hurricane Ivan. The Mayor wished to address the problem of equipment break downs, routes not being completed and the hydraulic oil left on our streets.

Item #8 on the agenda – Mr. Ratcliff asked that the widening of Fairview Drive from Hwy. 182 to Pattie Drive be addressed due to an increase of residential building from Hwy. 182 to Pattie Drive, which is about 1½ miles of roadway. Mr. Ratcliff would like to check into funding resources for the future.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting adjourned.

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Emmett Hardaway, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cathy T. Guidry, Town Clerk