



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

August 13, 2013

Date of Notice: August 6, 2013

A Public meeting will be held as follows:

Date: August 13, 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: July 9, 2013

Treasurer's Report

The Beacon Shines on...Dave Thomas

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 646 – Vehicles/Boats on flooded streets**
- 2. Adopt Ordinance No. 646 – Vehicles/Boats on flooded streets**
- 3. Introduce Ordinance No. 647 – Amend 2012-13 Consolidated Budget**
- 4. Introduce Ordinance No. 648 – Introduce 2013-14 Consolidated Budget**
- 5. Introduce Ordinance No. 649 – Amend Chapter 1, Section 1-8 – General Penalty, continuing violations**
- 6. Animal Permit application**
- 7. Consider adoption of Resolution No. 11-13 - Intergovernmental Agreement – Gravity Sub-Drainage District No. 1 of Gravity District No. 2 – Installation of Drainage Pipe**

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**

August 13, 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, August 13, 2013, at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also present were representatives of KWBJ.

Mayor Ratcliff 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 Greg Roussel.

For the month of August, 2013, the Beacon Shines On Dave Thomas. Town Attorney Allen McElroy presented the former Town Clerk/CAO with a certificate thanking him for his years of service to the Town of Berwick and its residents.

Guests: Parish President Paul Naquin, School Board member Mike Taylor and Council on Aging representative Beverly Demengeaux.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of July, 2013. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for July, 2013, were about the same amount written in July 2012. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for July, 2013, were also about the same amount written in July, 2012. Chief Richard also stated that he is currently interviewing candidates to fill an open position for a patrolman. He expects to fill the position in the next couple of months. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the fire report.

Assistant Chief Jodie Acosta presented the fire report for July. He reported 9 calls for the month. The department responded to 4 medical calls, 4 false alarms and one fire call. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Public Works report.

Town Superintendent Rafael Lopez presented the Public Works report. Town crews are have completed cleaning the drainage system. Crews will begin picking up the dirt and debris on town roadways this week, weather permitting. The Brown House painting is complete. The installation of the drainage pipe from Snead Street to Pattie Drive ditch is 90% complete. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Town Engineer Reid Miller stated that his crews are currently determining the boundaries of proposed right-of-ways for the Hogan Street ditch and the Pattie Drive ditch. Councilman Roussel stated that town crews had completed improvements to Black Bear Field at the Civic Center are complete. Town crews installed new sod and a sprinkler system for the infield. Councilman Roussel also gave a report on the progress of the cleaning of the Town of Berwick's drainage canals and ditches. He reported that town crews are 100% complete with the canal and ditch cleaning. Town crews are also 90% complete on the installation of the new drainage pipe from Snead Street to Pattie Drive ditch. A new drainage pipe from Jones Street to Highway 182 is in the planning stages. Planned improvements to the Hogan Street will commence when estimates

are received from SubMar. Planning & Zoning, Recreation, Economic Development and Anti-Litter committees had nothing to report. 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. 646 – Vehicles/Boats on flooded streets. After no comments from the council or audience, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #2 on the agenda – Adopt Introduce Ordinance No. 646 – Vehicles/Boats on flooded streets. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the ordinance was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Item #3 on agenda – Introduce Ordinance No. 647 – Amend 2012-13 Consolidated Budget. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance No. 648 – Introduce 2013-14 Consolidated Budget. Upon motion by Greg Roussel and seconded by Duval Arthur, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #5 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance No. 649 – Mend Chapter 1, Section 1-8 – General Penalty, continuing violations. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #6 on the agenda – Animal Permit Application. Town Attorney Allen McElroy explained that since the town adopted an animal keeping ordinance several years ago, that the town had failed to register animals that would be “grandfathered” in. Mr. McElroy recommended that the town notify the existing animal owners and have them registers their animals.

Item #7 on the agenda – Consider adoption of Resolution No. 11-13 – Intergovernmental agreement – Gravity Sub-Drainage District No. 1 of Gravity District No. 2 – Installation of drainage pipe. Town Attorney Allen McElroy stated that the Town of Berwick wished to install a drainage pipe in the ditch along Highway 90 near the town limits. The pipe will allow rainwater to drain into the drainage ditch that is maintained by Gravity Sub-District No. 2 of Gravity District No. 2. The resolution and intergovernmental agreement will allow the town to drain rainwater into the district’s ditch after the district’s water has been pumped out. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the resolution was approved 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