



## **Town of Berwick**

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**August 14, 2012**

**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: July 10, 2012**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Guests:**

**Police Report**

**Fire Report**

**Public Works Report**

**Consulting Engineers Report**

**Committee Reports**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Consider Introduction of Ordinance No. 638 – Amend 2011-12 Consolidated Budget**
- 2. Consider Introduction of Ordinance No. 639 – Introduce 2012-13 Consolidated Budget**
- 3. Consider Introduction of Ordinance No. 640 – Amend Water Rates**
- 4. Approve partial payment No. 2 to LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC., \$80,342.45 (Renwick Phase V)**
- 5. Approve partial payment No. 4 to Miller Engineers - \$4,017.12 (Renwick Phase V)**
- 6. Consider approval of Resolution No. 14-12 – Office of Community Development, 2012-13 LGAP**

**Adjournment**

**Newell Slaughter, Town Clerk**

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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 14, 2012**

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 14, 2012, at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: None

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

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 Damon Robison and seconded by Edgar Thomas.

Guests: Beverly Demengeaux with St. Mary Council on Aging, and Gene Simon with Louisiana Rural Water Association. Mrs. Demengeaux addressed the mayor and council and thanked them for the donation that is made to Council on Aging each year. The council is currently serving meals to 30 Berwick Senior Citizens. Mr. Simon presented town superintendent Allen Benoit with a plaque recognizing him as 2012 Wastewater Operator of the Year.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of July, 2012. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for July, 2012, were about the same amount written in July 2011. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for July, 2012, were about the same as the amount written in July, 2011. 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, 2012. There were fourteen calls for the month: three fire calls, three good intention calls, seven false alarm calls and one medical call. The department is currently selling tickets for their annual shrimp gumbo fund raiser that will be held on September 1<sup>st</sup>. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Public Works report.

Town Superintendent Allen Benoit presented the Public Works report. Mr. Benoit stated that work on the gas line on Oregon Street is 100% complete. Town officials met with representatives from Quality Engineering to discuss drainage improvements to the drainage canal between Boudreaux Street and Gilmore Drive. Quality Engineering will be conducting an engineering survey in the area in the next few weeks. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Town Engineer Reed Miller stated that the contractor is currently working on the sewer and storm drainage systems for Renwick Phase V. The sewer is 100% complete and the contractor is currently installing underground drainage. Once underground drainage is complete work will commence on the streets. The contractor is on schedule for completion as planned. There were no committee reports for the month. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item # 1 on the agenda – Consider introduction of Ordinance No. 638 – Amend 2011-12 Consolidated Budget. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Duval Arthur, the ordinances was introduced unanimously.

Item #2 on the agenda – Consider introduction of Ordinance No. 639 – Introduce 2012-13 Consolidated Budget. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Damon Robison, the ordinances was introduced unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda – Consider introduction of Ordinance No. 640 – Amend Water Rates. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the ordinances was introduced unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda – Approve partial payment No. 2 to Louisiana Contracting Enterprise, LLC- \$80,342.45, for Renwick Phase V. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Duval Arthur, the payment was approved unanimously.

Item #5 on the agenda – Approve partial payment No. 4 to Miller Engineers-\$4,017.12 for Renwick Phase V. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Damon Robison, the payment was approved unanimously.

Item #6 on the agenda – Consider approval of Resolution No. 14-12 – Office of Community Development, 2012-13 LGAP Grant. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Duval Arthur, the resolution was approved unanimously. The grant will used to purchase radio read water meters.

Town Attorney Allen McElroy asked the mayor and council to expand the agenda to consider a 12’ Right-Of-Way extension on Fairview Drive, from Pattie Drive to Renwick Boulevard. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Duval Arthur, the council voted unanimously to expand the agenda to consider the ROW. Mr. McElroy then stated that the town wished to use expanded the ROW to allow for town crews to use the expanded area for landscaping and other recreational uses. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Penny Crappell, the council voted unanimously to allow Mayor Ratcliff to negotiate the expanded ROW on behalf of the town.

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

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Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

ATTEST:

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Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk