



**Town of Berwick**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**August 9, 2011**

**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 12, 2011**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Guests: Beverly Demengeaux (COA), Julie Castle (BP), Brett Allain (Louisiana**

**Senate Candidate)**

**Police Report**

**Fire Report**

**Public Works Report**

**Consulting Engineers Report**

**Committee Reports**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 14-11 – Requesting State Roadway Funding**
- 2. Consider Introduction of Ordinance No. 628 – Amend 2010-11 Consolidated Budget**
- 3. Consider Introduction of Ordinance No. 629 – Introduce 2011-12 Consolidated Budget**
- 4. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 15-11 – Support of Flood Control Structure at Bayou Chene**

**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 9, 2011**

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 9, 2011, at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also present were representatives of The Daily Review and KWBJ.

Councilwoman Penny Crappell led the prayer.

Councilman Troy Lombardo 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 Penny Crappell.

Guests attending the meeting were Beverly Demengeaux, St. Mary Council on Aging; Julia Castle, BP; Bret Allain, candidate for Louisiana Senate; Rick Dugas, CPRA; Gary Duhon, candidate for St. Mary Parish President; and Sam Jones, District 51 State Representative. Mrs. Demengeaux invited the mayor and council to attend "A Grand Tribute" that will held at the Bayou Vista Community Center on September 11, 2011 from 3 to 6 P.M. Music and refreshments will be available. Mrs. Castle advised the mayor and council of programs available to the citizens of the parish relating to the 2010 oil spill. Mr. Allain addressed the mayor and council and announced his candidacy for the State Senate seat that will be vacated by Butch Gautreaux. He stated his qualifications and asked for their support. Representative Jones addressed the mayor and council and brought them up to date on the recent session of the state legislature and projects that will affect the Town of Berwick.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of July, 2011. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for July, 2011, were about double the amount written in July, 2010. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for July, 2011, were also about the same as July, 2010. Chief Richard stated that due to the bridge on Thorguson Road/Berwick South Road being closed, traffic on River Road was greatly increased. This resulted in the great increase of traffic citations being issued for the month of July. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the consulting engineers report.

Town Engineer, Reid Miller, addressed the mayor and council and gave the results of a survey conducted on the Jones Street area that addressed the flooding problem during high rainfall events. Mr. Miller stated that he would make the following recommendations: Lower the water line near the intersection with Snead Street to remove the waterline and restriction from the drainage pipe; remove the existing curb inlet catch basin tops and reconstruct the tops with grated openings to allow more efficient removal of storm water from the roadway; and install additional catch basins along Jones Street between the existing catch basins and an 18"- 24" outfall pipe directly to the ditch along Louisiana Highway 182. Along with the installation of the catch basin and outfall pipe, the curb of the roadway should be removed

at the proposed catch basin on the south side of the roadway and a small swale ditch constructed over the outfall pipe to allow any additional water build-up to flow out to the ditch along Louisiana Highway 182. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Fire report.

Fire Chief Mike Touchet was present, and stated that there were no fire calls for the month of July. 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 improvements had been made to the Snead and Jones Street areas that will create a better flow for storm water run-off. The new walking trail on Fairview Drive should be completed by August 11. Town crews will complete the loop by adding a sidewalk from Renwick Boulevard to connect to the new trail. The canopy at the rear of the police department has been replaced. The river front is nearing completion of the clean up after the 2011 flood. Preparations are being made for the arrival of the Coast Guard on August 18. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

There were no committee reports for this meeting. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item # 1 on the agenda – Consider adoption of Resolution No. 14-11 – Requesting State Roadway Funding. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Duval Arthur the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Item #2 on the agenda – Consider introduction of Ordinance No. 628 – Amend 2010-11 Consolidated Budget. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda – Consider introduction of Ordinance No. 629 – Introduce 2011-12 Consolidated Budget. Upon motion by Edgar Thomas and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda – Consider adoption of Resolution No. 15-11 – Support of Flood Control Structure at Bayou Chene. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Duval Arthur, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

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