



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

February 7, 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: January 11, 2011

Treasurer's Report

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Consider Introducing Ordinance No. 620 – Bunkhouses**
- 2. Consider Introducing Ordinance No. 621 - Ordinance and intergovernmental agreement to transfer to Berwick Development District properties within Renwick Subdivision Phase IV**
- 3. Renwick Phase IV Change Order No. 1 - \$1,677.33 – Catch basin modifications**
- 4. Approve Progress payment No. 4 - \$12,828.90 to Gray Construction and \$641.45 to Miller Engineers**
- 5. Change meeting date for March Council Meeting to March 7th due to Mardi Gras**

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**

February 8, 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, February 8, 2011, at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: Mayor Louis Ratcliff

Also present were representatives of The Daily Review and KWBJ.

Mayor Pro-Tem Duval Arthur led the prayer.

Councilwoman Penny Crappell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor Pro-Tem and Council of the Town of Berwick, State of Louisiana were duly convened as the governing authority of said Town, by the Honorable Duval Arthur, Mayor Pro-Tem, who then stated that the Mayor Pro-Tem and Council were ready for the transaction of business.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without reading upon motion by Penny Crappell 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.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of January, 2011. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for January, 2011 were about the same as written in January, 2010. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for January, 2011 were also about the same as January, 2010. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor pro-tem moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Fire Department report.

Fire Chief Mike Touchet was present and stated that there were no fire calls for the month of January, 2011. After no further comments, the mayor pro-tem moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Public Works report.

Town Superintendent Allen Benoit presented the Public Works report. The River Road Fire Sub-Station is complete. Town crews are presently working on the restroom facilities and a slab for the heating and cooling unit. The contractor has begun the replacement of the sewer manhole and piping on Third Street which will allow the street to be used as a temporary truck route during the replacement of the bridge on Thorguson/Berwick South Road. Dock re-construction on the river has been completed. After no further comments, the mayor pro-tem moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Councilwoman Crappell stated that the Litter Committee met and has applied for another grant. Mrs. Crappell stated that basketball season is underway and that softball registration will begin in early March. After no further comments, the mayor pro-tem moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item # 1 on the agenda – Consider Introducing Ordinance No. 620 – Bunkhouse. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Troy Lombardo, Ordinance No. 620 was introduced unanimously.

Item #2 on the agenda – Consider Introducing Ordinance No. 621 - Ordinance and intergovernmental agreement to transfer to Berwick Development District properties within Renwick Subdivision Phase IV. After a brief explanation of the process of transferring the property in Renwick Phase IV to Berwick Development District by Town Attorney Allen McElroy, Penny Crappell made a

motion to introduce Ordinance No. 621. After a second by Troy Lombardo the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda – Renwick Phase IV Change Order No. 1 - \$1,677.33 – Catch basin modifications. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the change order was approved unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda – Approve Progress Payment No. 4 - \$12,828.90 to Gray Construction and \$641.45 to Miller Engineers. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the payments were approved unanimously.

Item #5 on the agenda – Change meeting for March Council meeting to March 7 to avoid conflict with Mardi Gras Holiday. Mayor Pro-Tem Duval Arthur stated that the March council meeting originally scheduled for March 8 would be moved to March 7 to avoid conflict with the Mardi Gras Holiday.

Beverly Demengeaux addressed the Mayor Pro-Tem and council and thanked them for their past support for the St. Mary Parish Council on Aging and invited them and all the citizens of Berwick to attend the Fifth Annual Mardi Gras Dance that is scheduled for February 19, 2011 from 6 to 9 PM.

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

Duval Arthur – Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk