



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

January 11, 2011

Date of Notice: January 4, 2011

A Public Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: January 11, 2011
Time: 7:15 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, Penny Crappell, Troy Lombardo, Damon Robison, Edgar Thomas

Minutes from last meeting: December 14, 2010

Treasurer's Report

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Public Hearing Ordinance No. 618 – authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Waterworks District No. 2 & Waterworks Commission to appropriate funds for repairs/improvements to water plant**
- 2. Public Hearing Ordinance No. 619 – Garbage Pickup Fee**
- 3. Consider Adoption of Ordinance No. 618 – Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Waterworks District No. 2 & Waterworks Commission to appropriate funds for repairs/improvements to water plant**
- 4. Consider Adoption of Ordinance No. 619 – Garbage Pickup Fee**
- 5. Resolution No 04-11 - Support for Community Water Enrichment Fund Grant application**
- 6. Approve Progress payment No. 3 - \$125,634.96 to Gray Construction and \$6,281.75 to Miller Engineers**
- 7. Approve conditional use of R-1 in B-1 for property at 3605/3655 Fourth Street**
- 8. Mayoral appointments**
- 9. Resolution No. 05-11 – Clarifying residential uses in B-1 business district**

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**

January 11, 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, January 11, 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: None

Also present were representatives of The Daily Review, KQKI 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 Damon Robison.

The Treasurer's report, having been reviewed, was approved without reading upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo.

Guest recognized was Mr. Paul Naquin, St. Mary Parish President, who congratulated the mayor and council on their re-election to their respective offices.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of December, 2010. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for December, 2010 were about the same as written in December, 2009. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for December, 2010 were also about the same as December, 2009. Chief Richard also presented a report detailing arrests and tickets for 2010. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Fire Department report.

Fire Chief Wayne LaCoste presented his report. There was four calls for the month, 2 car fires, one stove fire and a dumpster fire. Chief LaCoste has stepped down as Fire Chief and Mayor Ratcliff has appointed Mike Touchet as the new chief, following an election where he was elected chief by the Berwick Volunteer Fire Department. 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. The River Road Fire Sub-Station is complete. All that is remaining is the construction of the driveway and walkways around the building. New sidewalks have been constructed at the Civic Center that connects the new parking area on Pattie Drive to the picnic and playground area. The contractor will begin 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 construction has begun on the river. The new dock between Crappell Seafood and the old Basin Marine building has been completed. The construction of the dock between the two bridges has begun. No parking signs have been installed on Oregon Street in advance of the Thorguson/Berwick South Road bridge replacement project. After no further comments, the Mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Gary Beadle stated that the Planning and Zoning Board met and approved conditional use of property R-2 in B-1 at 3605/3655 Fourth Street. Councilwoman Crappell stated that the Litter

Committee met and has applied for another grant. There were no other committee reports for the month. The mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item # 1 on the agenda – Mayor Appointments. Mayor Ratcliff made the following appointments that were approved by a unanimous vote of the council:

- a. Mayor Pro-Tem – Duval Arthur
- b. Town Clerk – Newell Slaughter
- c. Chief Administrative Officer – Newell Slaughter
- d. Police Chief – James Richard
- e. Fire Chief – Mike Touchet
- f. Town Attorney – Allen McElroy
- g. City Court Magistrate – J.P. Morella
- h. Planning & Zoning Director – Gary Beadle
- i. Berwick Development District – Alvin Willis, Cliff Watson, Elton Navarre, Marilyn Vick, Frank Russo
- j. Berwick Planning & Zoning Board – James Richard, Darlene Skelton, Rollan Guidroz, Jeff Fagenbush, Darlene Toups
- k. Berwick Housing Authority – Robert Thigpen, James Richard, Lily Rebaradi, Jacki Ackel, Eunice Cunningham
- l. Berwick Board of Adjustments – Tim Mayon, Rodney Grow, Francis Russo, Robert Hughes, Randall Monceaux
- m. Berwick Recreation Advisory Board – Penny Crappell, Dominic Thomas, Roslyn Conrad, Blair Sampey, Steve Russo
- n. Berwick Water Works Joint Board – Oway Rogers, Jack Boudreaux
- o. East Wax Lake Drainage District Board – Bill Hidalgo, Jr., Barry Broussard
- p. Wards 5&8 Consolidated Sewer District Board – Rafael Lopez
- q. Economic Development – Damon Robison, Troy Lombardo
- r. Morgan City Harbor & Terminal District – Duane Lodrigue
- s. Morgan City/Berwick Pilots Commission Examiners Board – Jimmy Skiles
- t. St. Mary Parish Anti-Litter – Penny Crappell
- u. Finance Committee – Duval Arthur, Damon Robison, Newell Slaughter
- v. Public Safety Committee – Duval Arthur, James Richard, Mike Touchet, Allen Benoit
- w. Town Engineering Firm – Miller Engineering
- x. Fiscal Agent – Whitney Bank

Item #2 on the agenda – Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 618 – Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Waterworks District No. 2 & Waterworks Commission to appropriate funds for repairs/improvements to water plant. After no response for the audience or the council, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #3 on the agenda – Public hearing for Ordinance No. 619 – Garbage Pickup Fee. After no response for the audience or the council, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #4 on the agenda – Consider adoption of Ordinance No. 618 – Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Waterworks District No. 2 & Waterworks Commission to appropriate funds for repairs/improvements to water plant. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Damon Robison, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item #5 on the agenda – Consider adoption of ordinance No. 619 – Garbage Pickup Fee. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item #6 on the agenda – Resolution No. 04-11 – Support for Community Water Enrichment Fund Grant. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Damon Robison the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #7 on the agenda – Approve Progress Payment No. 3 for Renwick Phase IV - \$125,634.96 to Gray Construction Company and \$6,281.75 to Miller Engineers. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Duval Arthur, the payments were approved unanimously.

Item #8 on the agenda – Approve conditional use of R-2 in B-1 for property at 3605/3655 Fourth Street. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Duval Arthur, the conditional use was approved unanimously.

Item #9 on the agenda – Resolution No. 05-11 - Clarifying residential uses in B-1 business district. Town attorney Allen McElroy stated that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Berwick recognized that an editorial error was made with regards to Ordinance No. 609, Town of Berwick Zoning Ordinance, with reference to Section 8.03 as outlined in the January 10, 2011, letter of Leesa M. Foreman of Foreman & Associates, Inc. Accordingly, the Mayor and Council adopted the recommendation of Leesa M. Foreman that there should be a revision to the “Town of Berwick Zoning Ordinance” to correct the editorial error and direct all necessary action be taken to complete the corrected version as referenced by Leesa M. Foreman. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Duval Arthur, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Mr. Rick Dugas of the Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration addressed the mayor and council and stated that he was currently assisting Hebert Shipyards with getting approval for expansion of the shipyard. The matter would be handled by issuing a letter of no objection.

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

Louis Ratcliff - Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk