



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

June 14, 2011

Date of Notice: June 7, 2011

A Public Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: June 14, 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: May 10, 2011

Treasurer's Report

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 623 – Amending M-1 zoning district to include: heavy lifting, hydrostatic testing and nitrogen testing.**
- 2. Public Hearing–Ordinance No. 624 – Changes and amendments to Chapter 4, Animals, Section 4-1 through 4-4**
- 3. Consider Adoption of Ordinance No. 623 - Amending M-1 zoning district to include: heavy lifting, hydrostatic testing and nitrogen testing.**
- 4.**
- 5. Consider Adoption of Ordinance No. 624 - Changes and amendments to Chapter 4, Animals, Section 4-1 through 4-4**
- 6. Introduce Ordinance No. 625 – Set Millage Rates for 2011**
- 7. Introduce Ordinance No. 626 – Set Drainage Fee for 2011**
- 8. Name The Daily-Review as official journal**
- 9. Approve Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire**
- 10. Consider adoption of Resolution No. 12-11 – Newell W. Slaughter be authorized to certify the Town's requests for state disbursements pertaining the Tour du Teche Canoe Race.**
- 11. Approve final payment for Renwick Phase IV – Gray Construction - \$38,978.75 & Miller Engineers - \$1,808.13**
- 12. Preliminary approval of liquor permit for Bee Bee's Seafood – Elaine Stratton**

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**

June 14, 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, June 14, 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 and KWBJ.

Councilman Troy Lombardo led the prayer.

Councilman Edgar Thomas 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 St. Mary Parish President Paul Naquin. Mr. Naquin gave a brief statement relating to the Atchafalaya River flooding. He thanked Mayor Ratcliff for the Town of Berwick's help in fighting the high water. Mayor Ratcliff also thanked Mr. Naquin for the help he gave the Town of Berwick.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of May, 2011. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for May, 2011, were about double the amount written in May, 2010. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for May, 2011, were also about the same as May, 2010. Chief Richard also stated that the bridge on Thorguson Road/Berwick South Road would be closed on June 20 and traffic would be rerouted to the detour route. He had a police officer visit the residents on Oregon and Third Street asking them not to park on the street during the time the bridge is closed. 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 Mike Touchet was present and stated that there were five fire calls for the month. He also stated that there was a statewide fire burn ban because of the drought that the State of Louisiana is currently experiencing. 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 town crews are currently working to re-open the seawall gates. He hopes to open the gates for business to go in and access the damage to their property on Friday, June 17. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

There were no committee reports for May. 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. 623 – Amending M-1 zoning district to include: heavy lifting, hydrostatic testing and nitrogen testing. After no comments from the audience or council, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #2 on the agenda – Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 624 – Changes and amendments to Chapter 4, Animals, Section 4-1 through 4-4. Mr. Patrick Hebert, 3353 Highway 182, addressed the mayor and council and voiced his concerns with certain parts of the proposed ordinance. He was concerned that his children, who participate in 4-H activities, would not be allowed to own and keep animals on his property. He understood that he would be grandfathered in the new ordinance but he was concerned by the reporting of the existing animals/fowls that he owns. In dealing with 4-H, the number and type of animal is constantly changing. After further discussion, and additional input from Mr. Lee Lamury of 329 Nicklaus Street and Mrs. Fontenot of 2295 River Road supporting Mr. Hebert’s position on 4-H projects, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #3 on the agenda – Consider adoption of Ordinance No. 623 – Amending M-1 zoning district to include: heavy lifting, hydrostatic testing and nitrogen testing. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda – Consider adoption of Ordinance No. 624 – Changes and amendments to Chapter 4, Animals, Section 4-1 through 4-4. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Penny Crappell, the council voted unanimously to amend Ordinance No. 624 as introduced at the May 10 meeting to include the change proposed in Ordinance No. 624A. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Damon Robison, the council voted unanimously to postpone action on Ordinance No. 624 until the July 12 council meeting.

Item #5 on the agenda – Consider introduction of Ordinance No. 625 – Set Millage Rates for 2011. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Duval Arthur, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #6 on the agenda – Consider introduction of Ordinance No. 626 – Set Drainage Fee for 2011. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Duval Arthur, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #7 on the agenda – Name the Daily Review as Official Journal. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the Daily Review was named official Journal unanimously.

Item #8 on the agenda – Approve Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Damon Robison, the questionnaire was approved unanimously.

Item #9 on the agenda - Consider adoption of Resolution No. 12-11 – Newell Slaughter be authorized to certify the Town of Berwick’s request for state disbursements pertaining to the Tour du Teche Canoe Race. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Damon Robison, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Item #10 on the agenda – Approve final payment for Phase IV of Renwick Subdivision to Gray Construction for \$38,978.75 and Miller Engineers for \$1,808.13. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the payments were approved unanimously.

Item #11 on the agenda – Preliminary approval of Liquor License for Bee Bee’s Seafood, Elaine Stratton. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Duval Arthur, the license was approved unanimously. This license will be granted upon the restaurant obtaining a State of Louisiana liquor license.

Item #12 on the agenda – On motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Penny Crappell, the council voted unanimously to expand the agenda to consider Amending Zoning Map from R-1, Single family housing, to B-1, and upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Penny Crappell to postpone action on the item and call for a public hearing on July 12 to hear public input.

Item #13 on the agenda – On motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Penny Crappell, the council voted unanimously to expand the agenda to consider a minor subdivision extension and upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Edgar Thomas to postpone action on the item and call for a public hearing on July 12 to hear public input

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

Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk