



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

March 13, 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: February 14, 2012

Treasurer's Report

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Cypress Sawmill Festival Queens**
- 2. Resolution No. 10-12 – Resolution of Respect for Russell Johnson**
- 3. Consider approval of partial payment request No. 1 – Renwick Phase V (Miller Engineers)**
- 4. Tommy Vaughn – Willowcrest Property Owners**
- 5. Consider Introduction of Ordinance No. 632 – Cleco Franchise Agreement**
- 6. Consider application for conditional use and call for public hearing – 300` X 400` pond on Old Spanish Trail**

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**

March 13, 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, March 13, 2012, at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: Penny Crappell

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

Councilman Damon Robison 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 Damon Robison.

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

Guest Rick Dugas addressed the mayor and council and stated that a letter of no objection has been issued to ILM to drive four single piles for mooring of vessels and the pouring of concrete slabs for storage tanks. Beverly Domengeaux stated that she had attended the current legislative session to speak on behalf of the Council on Aging.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of February, 2012. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for February, 2012, were about the same as the amount written in February 2011. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for February, 2012, were also about the same as the amount written in February, 2011. Chief Richard stated that his men were prepared for the upcoming softball and baseball seasons. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the fire report.

Chief Allen Rink and Assistant Chief Jody Acosta were both present. Asst. Chief Acosta presented the fire report for February, 2012. The department had a busy month, answering 22 calls, two of which were residential fire alarms. 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 preparing to remove the water line that is blocking drainage at the intersection of Jones and Snead Street. Work should be completed in two to three weeks. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Councilwoman Penny Crappell was not present but Mayor Ratcliff stated that registration for softball and baseball are underway. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item # 1 on the agenda – Cypress Sawmill Festival Queens. Queens SKyla Webster and Rachel Lemoine attended the meeting and invited all to attend the Cypress Sawmill Festival which will be held March 30 through April 1, 2012.

Item #2 on the agenda – Resolution No. 10-12 – Resolution of Respect for Russell Johnson. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda – Consider approval of partial payment request No. 1 for Renwick Phase V to Miller Engineering for \$50,265.60. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the payment was approved unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda – Tommy Vaughn – Willowcrest Property Owners. Mr. Vaughn has questions regarding his property located at 100 Brighton Lane. He questioned who was responsible for the maintenance of the ditch along the rear of the property. After much discussion, Mr. Vaughn was informed that he and/or Cajun Sunrise, LLC, the owner of the adjacent property, would be responsible for the maintenance.

Item #5 on the agenda – Consider Introduction of Ordinance No. 632 – Cleco Franchise Agreement. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Damon Robison, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #6 on the agenda – Consider application for conditional use and call for a public hearing for the excavation of a 300` X 400` pond on property located on Old Spanish Trail owned by Mike Smith. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Duval Arthur, the motion to call for a public hearing was approved unanimously.

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

Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk