



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

March 7, 2011

Date of Notice: February 28, 2011

A Public Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: March 7, 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: February 8, 2011

Treasurer's Report

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 620 – Bunkhouses**
- 2. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 621 – Ordinance, resolution and intergovernmental agreement to transfer to Berwick Development District properties within Renwick Subdivision Phase IV**
- 3. Consider Adoption of Ordinance No. 620 – Bunkhouses**
- 4. Consider Adoption of Ordinance No. 621 – Ordinance and intergovernmental agreement to transfer to Berwick Development District properties within Renwick Subdivision Phase IV**
- 5. Approve progress payment No. 5 for \$521.04 to Gray Construction**
- 6. Cypress Sawmill Festival Queens**
- 7. Declare surplus property:**
 - a. 1999 Dodge Pickup – S/N 1B7HC16X0XS204400**
 - b. 1999 Dodge Pickup – S/N 1B7HC16X8XS204399**
 - c. 2001 Dodge Pickup – S/N 1B7HC16X71S194391**
 - d. 1992 GMC Bucket Truck – S/N 1GDJK34N0NE552531**
 - e. 1979 GMC Sewer Truck – S/N T17DB9V603538**
 - f. 2003 Crown Victoria – S/N 2FAFP71W63X171512**
 - g. 2002 Crown Victoria – S/N 2FAFP71WX2X130850**
 - h. Hustler 3400 Lawn Mower – S/N 925362**
- 8. Resolution No. 06-11 – Resolution of Respect for Cliff Watson**

Adjournment

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF BERWICK, STATE OF LOUISIANA
TAKEN AT A SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY**

March 7, 2011

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Berwick, State of Louisiana, met in special session at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall, Berwick, Louisiana, Monday, March 7, 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 was a representative of The Daily Review.

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 Troy Lombardo.

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

Assistant Police Chief David Leonard presented the police report for the month of February, 2011. Assistant Chief Leonard stated that the speeding tickets issued for February, 2011 were about the same as written in February, 2010. Assistant Chief Leonard also stated that arrests for February, 2011 were also about the same as February, 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.

Former Fire Chief Wayne LaCoste was present and stated that there were three fire calls for the month of February, 2011. 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. Town crews have completed the construction of the rest room and counters and the final items to be completed is the connection of the sewer piping and the door contractor to make the garage door opener operational. Mayor Ratcliff stated that a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at the station once all items have been completed. The contractor has completed 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. Utility relocation at the corner of Third and Oregon Streets has been completed. Town crews will widen the intersection to allow for large trucks to make the turn from Oregon Street to Third Street. Lemoine Construction Company, the contractor for the rebuilding of Thorguson/Berwick South Road, is trying to get a change order to allow for the pulverizing of the existing roadway allowing it to remain in place for a roadway base. If approved, this will result in a cost savings of approximately \$100,000 and save approximately 30 days construction time. The contractor is also trying to get approval to use a pre-cast bridge which will result in more cost savings and a considerable time savings in construction. The newly acquired cemetery property on Saint Clair Alley has been cleared with the exception of the area around the abandoned house trailer and that will be completed once the trailer has been removed. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Councilwoman Crappell stated that basketball season is underway and that softball registration has begun. Baseball registration will begin next week. 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. 620 – Bunkhouses. Mayor Ratcliff opened the open hearing for Ordinance No. 620 and after no comments from the audience or the council the hearing was closed.

Item #2 on the agenda – Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 621 – Ordinance, resolution and intergovernmental agreement to transfer to Berwick Development District properties with Renwick Subdivision Phase IV. Mayor Ratcliff opened the public hearing and after no comments from the audience or council the hearing was closed.

Item #3 on the agenda – Consider adoption of Ordinance No. 620 – Bunkhouses. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the ordinance was approved unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda – Consider adoption of Ordinance No. 621 - Ordinance, resolution and intergovernmental agreement to transfer to Berwick Development District properties with Renwick Subdivision Phase IV. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Edgar Thomas the ordinance and intergovernmental agreement were approved unanimously. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Duval Arthur Resolution No. 07-11 was approved unanimously. After the adoption of the ordinance, intergovernmental and resolution, Town Attorney gave a brief outline of the procedure that will allow for the lots in Phase IV to be sold to the public. The entire process should be completed by May 10, 2011, the date of the May Town Council meeting.

Item #5 on the agenda – Approve progress payment No. 5 to Gray Construction for \$521.04. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Penny Crappell, the payment was approved unanimously.

Item #6 on the agenda – Cypress Sawmill Festival Queens. Queen Samantha Napoli addressed the mayor and council and invited them to attend the Queen’s Luncheon on March 19, 2011.

Item #7 on the agenda – Declare surplus property:

- a. 1999 Dodge Pickup – S/N 1B7HC16X0XS204400
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Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Penny Crappell, the above referenced property was declared surplus unanimously.

Item #8 on the agenda – Cypress Resolution No. 06-11 – Resolution of Respect for Cliff Watson. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Penny Crappell, the resolution was approved unanimously. Mayor Ratcliff presented a framed copy of the resolution to Mr. Watson’s family.

Mayor Ratcliff stated that Senator David Vitter would hold a Town Hall Meeting at the Berwick Civic Center on March 23, 2011 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

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