



Town of Berwick

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

November 10, 2009

Date of Notice: November 3, 2009

A Public Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: November 10, 2009  
Time: 7:15 P.M.  
Place: Council Meeting Room  
3225 Third Street  
Berwick, LA 70342

### AGENDA:

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: October 13, 2009  
Treasurer's Report  
Guests:  
Police Report  
Fire Report  
Public Works Report  
Consulting Engineers Report  
Committee Reports

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. 7:15 P.M. – Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 609 – Final Zoning Ordinance for presentation to Town Council
2. Adopt Ordinance No. 609- Final Zoning Ordinance for presentation to Town Council
3. Marla Chirdon – Franklin Main Street Program Manager – Wants to introduce herself to mayor & council
4. Resolution No. 05-10 – Water District No. 2 & Berwick/Bayou Vista Joint Waterworks Intergovernmental agreement
5. Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Berwick, Water District No. 2 & Berwick/Bayou Vista Joint Waterworks Commission to install 12" water main from the water plant to the Lower Atchafalaya River.
6. Resolution No. 06-10 – To request that the State of Louisiana maintain and keep open the bridge over the Atchafalaya River in Berwick/Morgan City
7. Removal from council consideration – Willowcrest Subdivision Addition

### Adjournment

Newell W. 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**

**November 10, 2009**

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, November 10, 2009 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: None

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

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 Troy Lombardo.

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

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of October, 2009. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for October, 2009 were less than October, 2008. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for October 2009 were less than October 2008. Councilman Lombardo asked Chief Richard if the increase in miles driven contributed to the decrease in traffic tickets and arrests. Chief responded that he believed that having another officer on the streets did decrease speeding and criminal activity. Chief Richard stated that his department did not receive any calls related to Halloween activity. He also stated that the Berwick High home football schedule was complete that his department did not have any problems during the football season. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Fire Department report.

The fire report was presented by Chief Wayne LaCoste. There were two calls for October. 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. After no comments, the Mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Gary Beadle, Planning and Zoning Director, stated that the Planning and Zoning Board did not meet in October, but a meeting was scheduled for November. The Economic Development and Blighted Property Committees did not meet. Recreation advisory committee chairman Penny Crappell stated that the advisory committee held its first meeting and it was mainly an organizational meeting. The regular meetings for the Recreation Committee will held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Center at 6 P.M. She also gave a brief report on the volleyball league, flag football and pickleball league. Flag Football will be complete this week. Closing ceremonies will be held on November 24. Bidly Basketball registration has begun. Councilwoman Crappell also gave the Litter Committee report. She stated that the committee has placed cigarette butt receptacles at several locations around the parish. They are considering putting some anti-litter signs in the Amelia area. 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. 609 – Final Zoning Ordinance for presentation to Town Council. After no comments from the audience or council, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #2 on the agenda – Adopt Ordinance No. 609 - Final Zoning Ordinance for presentation to Town Council. Leesa Foreman, with Foreman and Associates, addressed the mayor and council and gave a brief report on the process that was used to update the zoning ordinance. She stated that Planning & Zoning Director Gary Beadle was having difficulty with the antiquated ordinance in placing businesses in their proper zone with the changes in land use and the retail market over last thirty years. She thanked the mayor and council on their help and support in getting the ordinance completed. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda – Marla Chirdon – Franklin Main Street Committee. Ms. Chirdon introduced herself to the mayor and council and invited them and the citizens of Berwick to attend the Franklin Arts Festival that will held on November 14. Councilwoman Crappell asked Ms. Chirdon if she would leave her contact information. Mrs. Crappell would like to discuss forming a Main Street Program for the Town of Berwick.

Item #4 on the agenda – Resolution No. 05-10 – Water District No. 2 & Berwick/Bayou Vista Joint Waterworks Intergovernmental Agreement. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Troy Lombardo the resolution was approved by unanimous vote.

Item #5 on the agenda – Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Berwick, Water District No. 2 and Berwick/Bayou Vista Joint Waterworks Commission to install a 12” water main from the water plant to the Lower Atchafalaya River. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Penny Crappell, the Intergovernmental Agreement was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Item #6 on the agenda – Resolution No. 06-10 – To request that the State of Louisiana maintain and keep open the bridge over Atchafalaya River between Berwick and Morgan City. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #7 on the agenda – Removal from council consideration the Willowcrest Subdivision Addition. David Webster with Cajun Sunrise, LLC requested that the Mayor and Council remove the planned addition to Willowcrest Subdivision. They will re-submit plans at a later date for consideration and approval from the council.

Mayor Ratcliff congratulated Mayor Pro-Tem Duval Arthur on his being awarded the Legion of Merit from the U.S. Army.

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

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Louis Ratcliff - Mayor

ATTEST:

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Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk