



**Town of Berwick**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

November 13, 2012

Date of Notice: November 6, 2012

A Public Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: November 13, 2012  
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, Jacki Ackel, Troy Lombardo, Damon Robison, Edgar Thomas

Minutes from last meeting: October 9, 2012

Treasurer's Report

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 641 - Concerning transfer of Renwick Phase V to Berwick Development District, with publication of notice of intention to transfer and approving supplemental cooperative intergovernmental agreement with Berwick Development District.
2. Public Hearing for action of rezoning property on Pacific Street from B-2 to R-3
3. Consider adoption of Ordinance No. 641 - Concerning transfer of Renwick Phase V to Berwick Development District, with publication of notice of intention to transfer and approving supplemental cooperative intergovernmental agreement with Berwick Development District.
4. Take action on rezoning property on Pacific Street from B-2 to R-3.
5. Ryan White – Renwick Resident – Discuss proposed apartment complex
6. Honor teachers of the year at Berwick Elementary, Berwick Junior High and Berwick High School
7. Approve Partial Request No. 5 to LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC - \$138,565.04 – Renwick Phase V
8. Approve Partial Request No. 7 to Miller Engineers - \$6,928.26 – Renwick Phase V
9. Declare Surplus Property:
  1. 1993 Blue Dodge Pickup (U-23) S/N – 1B7HE16X0DS238928
  2. MC28 New Holland Mower – S/N – TE00918
  3. Case Model 25 Trencher – S/N – 1139508
  4. Land Pride 10' Model RC5010 Mower Deck – S/N – 223513
  5. Land Pride 60" Model FD2560 Mower Deck – S/N – 66713
  6. Ford Model 5000 Tractor – S/N – C368571
  7. Ford Model 1715 Tractor – S/N – 24201

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**

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

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

Absent: None

Also present were representatives of KQKI and The Daily-Review.

Mayor Pro-Tem Duval Arthur 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 Jacki Ackel.

Guests: Teachers of the Year: Jean Cantrell, Berwick Elementary; Mario Stephens, Berwick Junior High & St. Mary Parish Middle School; Lloyd Burchfield, Berwick High. Councilwoman Jacki Ackel presented each teacher with a Certificate of Merit.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of October, 2012. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for October, 2012, were about the same amount written in October 2011. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for October, 2012, were also about the same amount written in October, 2011. He also reported that Berwick High had completed their football season with no reported incidents. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the fire report.

Assistant Fire Chief Jody Acosta presented the fire report for October, 2012. There were seventeen calls for the month: 3 vehicle crashes, 9 medical assistance calls, 2 false fire alarms, 2 gas spills and 1 gas leak. 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. Portions of the walking trail, Pattie Drive and Old Spanish Trail were overlaid. Town crews repaired a major gas leak and a major water leak. Plans have been made to run a new water line that will service Belleview/Front Street. This new line will replace the old line that has experienced three breaks in the last year. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Town Engineer Reed Miller stated that construction on Phase V of Renwick will be 95% complete by mid-December. Councilman Troy Lombardo stated that the recreation committee met and set up guidelines and made plans for the upcoming seasons. There were no other reports for the month. 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. 641 – Concerning transfer of Renwick Phase V to Berwick Development District, with publication of notice of intention to transfer and approving supplemental cooperative intergovernmental agreement with Berwick Development District. Mayor Ratcliff opened the public hearing and after no comments from the council or audience, the public hearing was closed.

**Item #2 on the agenda – Public Hearing for action of rezoning property on Pacific Street from B-2 to R-3. Mayor Ratcliff opened the hearing and after no comments from the council or audience, the public hearing was closed.**

**Item #3 on the agenda – Consider adoption of Ordinance No. 641– Concerning transfer of Renwick Phase V to Berwick Development District, with publication of notice of intention to transfer and approving supplemental cooperative intergovernmental agreement with Berwick Development District. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Jacki Ackel, the ordinance was approved by a unanimous voice vote.**

**Item #4 on the agenda – Take action on rezoning property on Pacific Street from B-2 to R-3. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the motion to rezone the property was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

**Item #5 on the agenda – Ryan White – Renwick resident. Mr. White did not attend the meeting.**

**Item #6 on the agenda – Honor Teachers of the year for Berwick Elementary, Berwick Junior High and Berwick High School. Refer to guest section above.**

**Item #7 on the agenda – Approve Partial Request No. 5 to LA Contracting, LLC. - \$138,565.04 – Renwick Phase V. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Duval Arthur the request for payment was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

**Item #8 on the agenda – Approve Partial Request No. 7 to Miller Engineers - \$6,928.26. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the payment was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

**Item #9 on the agenda – Declare surplus property:**

- 1. 1993 Blue Dodge Pickup (U-23) S/N – 1B7HE16X0DS238928**
- 2. MC28 New Holland Mower – S/N – TE00918**
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**Upon motion by Jacki Ackel and seconded Duval Arthur, the above mentioned property was declared surplus by unanimous vote.**

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

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**Louis Ratcliff – Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk**