



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

October 13, 2009

Date of Notice: October 6, 2009

A Public Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: October 13, 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: September 8, 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. 610 – Amend Chapter 3, Section 3-11 and 3-12 to clarify businesses affected by distance measurement.
2. Adopt Ordinance No. 610 - Amend Chapter 3, Section 3-11 and 3-12 to clarify businesses affected by distance measurement.
3. Introduce Ordinance No. 609 – Final Zoning Ordinance for presentation to Town Council
4. Proclamation No. 01-10 - Red Ribbon Committee – Jacki Ackel – “*Red Ribbon Week*”
5. Franklin Harvest Moon Festival – Joan Adams
6. Proclamation No. 02-10 – Proclaim October 2009 as Domestic Violence Month
7. Approve Holiday Schedule for 2009-10
8. Resolution No. 01-10 – Approve Hazard Mitigation Plan for St. Mary Parish/Nicole Buranzon-Shaw Group
9. Resolution No. 02-10 – Approve administrator for LCDBG
10. Resolution No. 03-10 – Approve Engineer for LCDBG
11. Resolution No. 04-10 – Moratorium on lake/pit formation or construction

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**

October 13, 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, October 13, 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.

Councilman Edgar Thomas led the prayer.

Councilman Penny Crappell 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 Penny Crappell.

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

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of September, 2009. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for September 2009 were higher than September 2008. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for September 2009 were higher than September 2008. 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 four calls for September. 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.

Miller Engineers, represented by Jules Darden, presented a report on the additions to the sanitary sewer system along Old Spanish Trail and Highway 182 and the reconstruction of Fairview/Old Spanish Trail from Pattie Drive to Highway 182. Mr. Darden gave the mayor and council several options to consider on each project.

Gary Beadle, Planning and Zoning Director, stated that the Planning and Zoning Board met and recommended preliminary, engineering and final approval for the Willowcrest Subdivision addition. Councilman Robison discussed the possibility of granting preliminary and engineering approval but withholding final approval due to ongoing construction. Councilwoman Crappell discussed the bulkheading of the property. The council was concerned that the town would have no recourse on the bulkheading of the lots if it was not addressed before the sale of lots commenced. Melynda Leleux, representing Dreamscape Developers, assured the mayor and council that the property would be bulkheaded. Town attorney Allen McElroy was asked to consult with the attorneys representing the developers. Mr. McElroy would help in the development of documents that would guarantee that bulkheading would be installed on the new lots created along the new canals that are being constructed within the new subdivision. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the issue was tabled by a unanimous vote and will be considered at the next council meeting.

The Economic Development and Litter Committees did not have reports. New recreation advisory committee chairman Penny Crappell gave a brief report on the volleyball league and new

pickleball league that is being formed. 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. 610 – Amend Chapter 3, Section 3-11 and 3-12 to clarify businesses affected by distance measurement. After no comments from the audience or council, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #2 on the agenda – Adopt Ordinance No. 610 - Amend Chapter 3, Section 3-11 and 3-12 to clarify businesses affected by distance measurement. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance No. 609 – Final Zoning Ordinance for presentation to Mayor and Town Council. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Damon Robison, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda – Proclamation No. 01-10 – Red Ribbon Committee, represented by Jacki Ackel, Red Ribbon Week. Mayor Ratcliff declared the week of October 23 to November 1, 2009 as **“Red Ribbon Week”**.

Item #5 on the agenda – Franklin Harvest Moon Festival. Joan Adams representing the Harvest Moon Festival presented Mayor Ratcliff a framed poster from the festival. Mrs. Adams also invited the mayor and council and the citizens of Berwick to come to Franklin and enjoy the festival which is scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2009.

Item #6 on the agenda – Proclamation No. 02-10 – Proclaim October 2009 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Mayor Ratcliff proclaimed October 2009 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the Town of Berwick.

Item #7 on the agenda – Approve Holiday Schedule for Fiscal Year 2009-10. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the schedule was approved unanimously.

Item #8 on the agenda – Resolution No. 01-10 – Approve Hazard Mitigation Plan for St. Mary Parish. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #9 on the agenda – Resolution No. 02-10 – Approve administrator for LCDBG. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Duval Arthur, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #10 on the agenda – Resolution No. 03-10 – Approve Engineer for LCDBG. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Damon Robison, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Upon advice from Town Attorney Allen McElroy, the agenda was expanded by a motion from Damon Robison and seconded by Duval Arthur to consider Resolution No. 04-10.

Item #11 on the agenda – Resolution No. 04-10 - Moratorium on lake/pit formation or construction. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Damon Robison, the resolution was approved unanimously.

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

Louis Ratcliff - Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk