



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

October 12, 2010

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 14, 2010

Treasurer's Report

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Proclamation No. 01-11 - Red Ribbon Committee – Jacki Ackel – *“Red Ribbon Week”***
2. **Harvest Moon Festival – Joan Adams**
3. **Approve Holiday Schedule for 2010-11**
4. **Set Halloween for October 30, 2011**
5. **Tri-City Track Club – 5K road race – Tracy Scarborough - October 24, 2010 at 8:00 A.M.**
6. **Final approval for Willowcrest Addition – Cajun Sunrise, LLC.**

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**

October 12, 2010

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 12, 2010 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 were representatives of The Daily Review, KWBJ, and KQKI.

Councilman Troy Lombardo led the prayer.

Councilman Damon Robison 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.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of September, 2010. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for September, 2010 were about twice the amount written in September, 2009. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for September, 2010 were also about twice the amount as September, 2009. Chief Richard stated that because of complaints from citizens, his officers have increased their efforts to control speeders. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Fire Department report.

Fire Chief Wayne LaCoste presented his report. There were six calls, three false alarms, two extrications and one power line down on Fourth Street. 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. All drainage ditches in the Town of Berwick have been cleared and cleaned. The State of Louisiana cleared the drainage ditch at the corner of Pattie Drive and Highway 182. The replacement of the bridge on Thorguson Drive is still planned for late this year or early next year. Maintenance of the truck route through Berwick is underway to prepare for the diversion of traffic once the bridge replacement commences. Phase III of the sewer slip line project has been completed. Ground breaking for the new River Road Fire Sub-Station was held. Construction of the station should begin this week. After no comments, the Mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

There were no committee reports for the month. The mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item #1 on the agenda – Proclamation No. 01-11 – Red Ribbon Committee – Jacki Ackel. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Duval Arthur, Mayor Ratcliff proclaimed the week of October 22 thru October 31, 2010, as “Red Ribbon Week” in the Town of Berwick after a unanimous vote of the council.

Item #2 on the agenda – Harvest Moon Festival – Joan Adams. Ms. Adams invited the mayor and council and all of the citizens of Berwick to attend the 11th annual Harvest Moon Festival in Franklin. The festival will held on October 16, 2010 on Main Street in Franklin.

Item #3 on the agenda – Adopt Ordinance No. 616 – Amend 2009-10 Consolidated Budget. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Penny Crappell, Ordinance No. 616 was adopted unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda – Approve Holiday Schedule for 2010-11 Fiscal Year. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Damon Robison, the schedule was approved unanimously.

Item #5 on the agenda – Tri-City Track Club – Tracy Scarborough – 5K Road Race Permit. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Damon Robison, the permit was approved unanimously.

Item #6 on the agenda – Final Approval for Willowcrest Addition – Cajun Sunrise, LLC. Town Attorney Allen McElroy spoke to the mayor and council and assured them that all concerns that were raised by them had been addressed and he recommended final approval of the addition to Willowcrest. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Penny Crappell, the approval was approved unanimously.

Mayor Ratcliff announced the town garbage contractor had raised the fee per household by \$.65. The increase was effective October 1, 2010. The mayor and council would study the matter and make a decision at a later date as to what action they would take. The mayor also stated the St. Mary Parish Animal Control Center would increase their rates for taking animals. The fee for dogs went from \$10/\$17 to \$65 and cats went from \$10 to \$65. Also, he congratulated the council on being re-elected to another four year term.

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

Louis Ratcliff - Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk