



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

October 9, 2012

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: September 11, 2012

Treasurer's Report

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

NEW BUSINESS:

1. James Bosworth – Presentation of award to Mayor Ratcliff
2. Set Halloween for October 31, 2011 from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.
3. Adopt Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire
4. Berwick High School Homecoming Parade – October 25, 2012 – Kim Vasquez
5. Progressive Waste Solutions – Roddy Matherne
6. Consider introduction 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.
7. Consider approval of Resolution No. 01-13 – Approve 12' Right-of-Way on Fairview Drive
8. Approve Partial Request No. 4 to LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC - \$55,143.05 – Renwick Phase V
9. Approve Partial Request No. 6 to Miller Engineers - \$2,757.15 – Renwick Phase V
10. Take action on recommendation from Planning & Zoning Board

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 9, 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, October 9, 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 KWBJ and The Daily-Review.

Councilwoman Jacki Ackel led the prayer.

Councilman Duval Arthur 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 Damon Robison.

Guests: Beverly Domengeaux with St. Mary Council on Aging.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of September, 2012. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for September, 2012, were about the same amount written in September 2011. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for September, 2012, were also about the same amount written in September, 2011. Chief reported that there were no problems with the Tour du Teche festivities. 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 September, 2012. There were ten calls for the month: 2 vehicle crashes, 3 medical assistance calls, 1 false fire alarm, 1 structure fire and 3 good intention calls. The department held their annual jambalaya fund raiser on October 6, in conjunction with the Tour du Teche canoe race and it was very successful. They sold over 300 dinners. Plans are being made for next year's race. 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. Plans are being made to overlay portions of our walking trail and repair/overlay portions of Pattie Drive and Old Spanish Trail. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Town Engineer Reed Miller stated that water, sewer and drainage are 100% complete. The contractor has begun the road construction. The contractor is behind schedule for completion due to the rain we have been experiencing. The contractor should be back on schedule this month. Councilman Troy Lombardo stated that the recreation committee has been formed. Two members of the original committee, Roslyn Conrad and Dominic Thomas, agreed to continue to serve. New members will be Greg Roussel and Randle Monceaux. Planning & Zoning Director Gary Beadle stated the Planning & Zoning Board met on October 3 and approved and recommended that the council call for a public hearing on rezoning property on Pacific Street from B-2 to R-3. Mayor Ratcliff stated that action will be taken on this issue on agenda item No. 10. Anti-litter committee member Jacki Ackel stated that the Keep St. Mary Beautiful Committee had received a grant for \$2,500 from the state and the monies will be used for the local anti-litter campaign. Economic Development Committee member Damon Robison stated that he will a report for the council

prepared and sent to the council in the next two weeks. Karen Schon, Town of Berwick, gave a report on the recently completed Tour du Teche canoe race. She stated that over 500 people attended the festivities and all were pleased. She also stated the Tour du Teche officials were very happy with the turnout and the festivities. The committee will meet in the coming months and plan for next year festival. Some of the items mentioned that may be included in next year's festival are: 5K walk/run, poster contest, car show, and a cook off. Councilwoman Jacki Ackel presented Karen with a plaque thanking her for all the hard work she contributed to the project. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item # 1 on the agenda – Gene Bosworth – Presentation of award to Mayor Ratcliff. Mr. Bosworth presented a plaque to Mayor Ratcliff associated with the flag that was presented to the town in the previous fiscal year. The plaque commemorated Operation Cookie Lift during Desert Storm/Desert Shield and help that the town residents gave to the effort.

Item #2 on the agenda – Set Halloween for October 31, 2012 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. By a unanimous voice vote, Halloween was set for October 31, 2012 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

Item #3 on the agenda – Adopt Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the questionnaire was approved unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda – Parade Permit - Berwick High School Homecoming Parade. Kim Vasquez, accompanied by Drew Landry and Bobby Boudreaux, requested a permit for the High School's homecoming parade for October 25, 2012. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Jacki Ackel, the parade permit was approved by unanimous vote.

Item #5 on the agenda – Progressive Waste Solutions – Roddy Matherne. Mr. Matherne addressed the mayor and council and addressed some of the problems that Berwick residents had complained about regarding garbage pickup. He stated that Progressive had been experiencing equipment malfunctions and they have had some labor problems. He was accompanied by Kuchonie Lewis, who is the area manager for Progressive Waste Solutions. He pledged to work with the town to correct the problems.

Item #6 on the agenda – Consider introduction 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 Damon Robison and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #7 on the agenda – Consider approval of Resolution No. 01-13 – Approve 12' Right-of-Way on Fairview Drive. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Duval Arthur, the resolution was approved unanimously. The right of way, from Pattie Drive to Renwick Boulevard, will be used for landscaping purposed.

Item #8 on the agenda – Approve partial Request No. 4 to La Contracting Enterprise, LLC - \$55,143.05. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Duval Arthur, the payment was approved unanimously.

Item #9 on the agenda – Approve Partial Request No. 6 to Miller Engineers - \$2,757.15. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the payment was approved unanimously.

Item #10 on the agenda – Take action on recommendation from Planning and Zoning Board. The mayor and council accepted the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board and upon a motion by Troy Lombardo and a second by Jacki Ackel voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on the rezoning of property on Pacific Street from B-2 to R-3.

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

Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk