



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

September 11, 2012

Date of Notice: September 4, 2012

A Public Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: September 11, 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: August 14, 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. 638 – Amend 2011-12 Consolidated Budget**
- 2. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 639 – Introduce 2012-13 Consolidated Budget**
- 3. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 640 – Amend Water Rates**
- 4. Consider Adoption of Ordinance No 638 – Amend 2011-12 Consolidated Budget**
- 5. Consider Adoption of Ordinance No. 639 – Adopt 2012-13 Consolidated Budget**
- 6. Consider Adoption of Ordinance No. 640 – Amend Water Rates**
- 7. Approve Holiday Schedule for 2012-13**
- 8. Proclamation No. 04-12 - Red Ribbon Committee – Sheila Lewis**
- 9. Progressive Waste – Roddy Matherne (Postponed until next month)**
- 10. Resolution of Respect – Jack Boudreaux**
- 11. National Night Out Against Crime – Parade Permit – Berwick Housing Authority**
- 12. Approve Partial Request No. 3 to LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC - \$225,190.65 – Renwick Phase V**
- 13. Approve Partial Request No. 5 to Miller Engineers - \$11,259.53 – Renwick Phase V**
- 14. Resolution of Recognition – Harold Adams – Berwick-Bayou Vista Joint Waterworks Commission**
- 15. Name Replacement to Berwick-Bayou Vista Joint Waterworks Commission Board**

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**

September 11, 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, September 11, 2012, at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

Prior to the start of the regular meeting, Town Attorney Allen McElroy gave Jacki Ackel her oath of office to serve until a special election can be held to replace former Councilwoman Penny Crappell, who resigned on August 22, 2012, for personal reasons. The election is scheduled for April 6, 2013, with qualifying set for February 13, 14 & 15, 2013.

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

Absent: None

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

Councilman Damon Robison led the prayer.

Councilman Edgar Thomas 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 Demengeaux with St. Mary Council on Aging. Mrs. Demengeaux addressed the mayor and council and stated that there will be an open house at all Senior Centers in St. Mary Parish. They will be honoring all of the seniors that were lost in the last three years. Also, the Franklin Harvest Moon will host a benefit golf scramble that will benefit the Council's Meals on Wheels Program.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of August, 2012. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for August, 2012, were less than the amount written in August 2011. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for August, 2012, were also less than the amount written in August, 2011. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the fire report.

Chief Allen Rink presented the fire report for August, 2012. There were nineteen calls for the month: 10 down or arching power line/transformers, 3 vehicles crashes, 2 medical assistance, 3 false fire alarms and 1 structure fire. The department held their annual shrimp gumbo fund raiser on September 1st and it was the most successful on record. 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. Mr. Benoit stated that cleanup from Hurricane Isaac was complete. He also stated that the annual Corp of Engineers levee inspection will be held on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 7:00 A.M. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Town Engineer Reed Miller stated that sewer is 100% complete and drainage was 95% complete for Renwick Phase V. Work has been started on water and gas installation. The contractor is behind schedule for completion due to the rain we have been experiencing. The contractor should be back on schedule this month. Mayor Ratcliff stated that Councilman Lombardo will assume leadership of the Recreation Committee and that Councilwoman Ackel

would assume leadership of the Anti-Litter Committee. 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. 638 – Amend 2011-12 Consolidated Budget. After no comments from the audience or council, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #2 on the agenda – Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 639 – Introduce 2012-13 Consolidated Budget. After no comments from the audience or council, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #3 on the agenda – Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 640 – Amend Water Rates. After no comments from the audience or council, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #4 on the agenda – Consider adoption of Ordinance No. 638 - Amend 2011-12 Consolidated Budget. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the ordinance was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Item #5 on the agenda – Consider adoption of Ordinance No. 639 – Introduce 2012-13 Consolidated Budget. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the ordinance was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Item #6 on the agenda – Consider adoption of Ordinance No. 640 – Amend Water Rates. Town Attorney Allen McElroy stated that the language in the first paragraph of the ordinance had been amended from the original introduction to include Code Sections 18-36.1 and new Code Section 18-36.2. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Duval Arthur, the council voted unanimously to amend Ordinance No. 640 to include changes to Code Sections 18-36.1 and 18-36.2. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the ordinance was passed unanimously by voice vote.

Item #7 on the agenda – Approve Holiday Schedule for 2012-13. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the Holiday Schedule was approved unanimously.

Item #8 on the agenda – Proclamation No. 04-12 – Red Ribbon Committee. Sheila Paul, representing the Red Ribbon Committee, addressed the mayor and council thanking them for the past and future support of the Red Ribbon Committee. October 19 thru October 28 has been proclaimed Red Ribbon Week in the Town of Berwick. The committee's slogan for this year is "Don't waste your treasures on the wrong pleasures; be drug free". Upon motion by Jacki Ackel and seconded by Duval Arthur, the proclamation was approved unanimously.

Item #9 on the agenda – Progressive Waste – Roddy Matherne. Postponed until October.

Item #10 on the agenda – Resolution of Respect – Jack Boudreaux. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #11 on the agenda – National Night Out Against Crime – Parade Permit for Berwick Housing Authority. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the parade permit was approved unanimously.

Item #12 on the agenda – Approve Partial Request No. 3 to LA Contracting Enterprises, LLC for \$225,190.65 for Renwick Phase V. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the payment was approved unanimously.

Item #13 on the agenda – Approve Partial Payment No. 5 to Miller Engineers for \$11,259.53. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the payment was approved unanimously.

Item #14 on the agenda – Resolution of Recognition for Harold Adams – Berwick-Bayou Vista Joint Waterworks Commission. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the resolution was approved unanimously. Mr. Adams retired on September 1, 2012 after over 40 years of service to the commission.

Item # 15 on the agenda – Name a replacement for the Berwick-Bayou Vista Joint Waterworks Commission. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Jacki Ackel, Mayor Ratcliff appointed Herb Mashburn to fill the vacancy created by the death of Jack Boudreaux.

Councilman Troy Lombardo made a motion to expand the agenda to approve change order No. 1 for Renwick Phase V. Damon Robison seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. The change order was for \$0. It was a quantity change. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the change order was approved unanimously.

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