



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

September 13, 2011

Date of Notice: September 6, 2011

A Public Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: September 13, 2011
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, Penny Crappell, Troy Lombardo, Damon Robison, Edgar Thomas

Minutes from last meeting: August 9, 2011

Treasurer's Report

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 628 – Amend 2010-11 Consolidated Budget
2. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 629 - 2011-12 Consolidated Budget
3. Consider Adoption of Ordinance No. 628 – Amend 2010-11 Consolidated Budget
4. Consider Adoption of Ordinance No. 629 – 2011-12 Consolidated Budget
5. Don Aguillard – St. Mary Parish Schools – Support of property tax renewal
6. Consider adoption of Resolution No. 16-11 – Support of School Board property tax renewal
7. Tri-City Track Club – Dee Hymel – Double Trouble Road Race – October 23, 2011
8. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 17-11 – sub-lease of Parcel 7, waterfront
9. Consider approval to start development of Phase V of Renwick Subdivision
10. Consider approval of minor subdivision
11. Proclamation No. 05-11 – September 18-24, 2011 Child Passenger Safety Week
12. Louisiana House Concurrent Resolution No. 208 – Congratulate St. Mary Parish for actions taken during 2011 Flooding

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**

September 13, 2011

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 13, 2011, 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, KQKI and KWBJ.

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 Troy Lombardo.

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

Guests attending the meeting were Beverly Demengeaux, St. Mary Council on Aging; Logan Fromenthal and Steve Bierhorst, candidates for the St. Mary Parish Council. Each candidate announced their candidacy for the council and asked for the support of the mayor and council.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of August, 2011. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for August, 2011, were about the same amount written in August, 2010. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for August, 2011, were also about the same as August, 2010. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the fire report.

Fire Chief Mike Touchet was present, and stated that there were two fire calls for the month of August. Chief Touchet stated that the annual shrimp gumbo fund raiser was a great success. 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 the new walking trail on Fairview Drive has been completed and the new bridge on Thorguson/Berwick South Road has been completed. They are currently working on the approaches on each side of the bridge. The paving of Belleview/Front Street from Utah to Pacific has been completed. It should be open to the public by next Thursday or Friday. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

There were no committee reports for this meeting. 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. 628 – Amend 2010-11 Consolidated Budget. Mayor Ratcliff opened the public hearing and after no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Item #2 on the agenda – Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 629 – Adopt 2011-12 Consolidated Budget. Mayor Ratcliff opened the public hearing and after no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Item #3 on the agenda – Consider adoption of Ordinance No. 628 – Amend 2010-11 Consolidated Budget. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda – Consider adoption of Ordinance No. 629 – Adopt 2011-12 Consolidated Budget. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item #5 on the agenda – Don Aguillard – Support of property tax renewal. Dr. Aguillard spoke to the mayor and council seeking support for the renewal of a ten year, 11.18 millage tax renewal. He stated that the tax was originally passed in 1988 and produces \$6.3 million in revenue, which is equivalent to the salary of 127 teachers. If the tax fails, each teacher would have to take an 11% decrease in salary.

Item #6 on the agenda – Consider adoption of Resolution No. 16-11 – Support of St. Mary Parish School Board property tax renewal. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Penny Crappell, the resolution passed unanimously.

Item # 7 on the agenda – Tri-City Track Club – Double Trouble Road Race. Mrs. Hymel addressed the mayor and council seeking permission for the Tri-City Track Club to stage a road race on October 23, 2011. The race will begin at Pharr Park and follow the walking trail to Bowman Street, cross the Highway 182 Bridge to the base on the Morgan City side and return on the same route. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the race permit was approved unanimously.

Item #8 on the agenda – Consider adoption of Resolution No. 17-11 – Sub-lease of Parcel, Waterfront. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the sub-lease was approved unanimously.

Item #9 on the agenda – Consider approval to start development of Phase V of Renwick Subdivision. Town Attorney Allen McElroy stated the Town of Berwick must develop the infrastructure and when developed it would turn the property over to the Berwick Development District for the sale of the lots. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the council voted unanimously for Miller Engineers to begin the engineering portion of the project with the option to construct a portion of the project or the entire project.

Item #10 on the agenda – Consider approval of minor subdivision. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Troy Lombardo to approve the minor subdivision with the condition that no property owners would be adversely affected.

Item #11 on the agenda – Proclamation No. 05-11 – September 18-24, 2011 Child Passenger Safety Week. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Duval Arthur, the proclamation passed unanimously.

Item #12 on the agenda – Louisiana House Concurrent Resolution No. 208. Congratulate St. Mary Parish for actions taken during 2011 Flooding. Mayor recognized a resolution authored by Representatives Sam Jones and Joe Harrison commending all St. Mary citizens and local governments for their efforts in combating the 2011 flooding.

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

Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk