



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

January 10, 2012

Date of Notice: January 3, 2012

A Public Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: January 10, 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, Penny Crappell, Troy Lombardo, Damon Robison, Edgar Thomas

Minutes from last meeting: December 13, 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. 631 - Amend garbage pickup fee**
- 2. Consider Adoption of Ordinance No. 631 – Amend garbage pickup fee**
- 3. Resolution No. 07-12 – CWF 2011-12 Application**
- 4. Cindy Moreno – Crew of Dionysus Parade Permit – February 18, 2012**
- 5. Call for public hearing for conditional use permit – viewing pond**
- 6. Minor subdivision approval**

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**

January 10, 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, January 10, 2012, 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, and KWBJ.

Councilwoman Penny Crappell led the prayer.

Councilman Troy Lombardo 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.

Guest Mike Taylor presented Mayor Ratcliff with a picture of our lighthouse taken during the high water of 2011.

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

Lt. Jody Acosta presented the fire report for December and stated that there were three false alarms and two extrications for December. Lt. Acosta also stated that Allen Rink had been elected fire chief by acclamation at their meeting on January 9, 2012. Mayor Ratcliff stated that the council would have to amend the agenda and appoint Mr. Rink as Fire Chief, which will be taken up under new business. 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 reconstruction of the walking trail from the Post Office to Patterson State Bank has been completed and is now open to the public. State maintenance crews overlaying California and Utah Streets have completed the projects. The installation of the new generator for the Civic Center has begun and should be complete in the next month. Town crews installed a concrete base for the generator and new sidewalks to connect to existing sidewalks. 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. 631 – Amend garbage pickup fee. After no comments from the council or audience, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #2 on the agenda – Adopt Ordinance No. 631 - Amend garbage pickup fee. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda – Resolution No. 07-12 – CWEF 2011-12 Grant Application. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda – Cindy Marino – Krewe of Dionysus Parade Permit. Rodney Grow addressed the mayor and council seeking permission to have a parade on February 18, 2012. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Duval Arthur, the permit was approved unanimously.

Item #5 on the agenda – Call for public hearing for conditional use permit for viewing pond. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Damon Robison, a public hearing was called for conditional use of property owned by Mike Smith on Highway 182 for the installation of a viewing pond.

Item #6 on the agenda – Minor subdivision approval. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Damon Robison, the minor subdivision was approved unanimously. The property is located on Highway 182 and is owned by Mike Smith. The subdivision created two five acre tracts.

Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Penny Crappell, the council voted to expand the agenda to take up the appointment of Allen “Noonie” Rink as Fire Chief. Upon the recommendation of Mayor Louis Ratcliff, Mayor Pro-Tem Duval Arthur made a motion to appoint Mr. Rink Fire Chief. Penny Crappell seconded the motion. Mr. Rink was appointed unanimously.

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

Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk