



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

October 11, 2011

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 13, 2011

Treasurer's Report

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Proclamation No. 1-12 – 2011 Red Ribbon Committee**
- 2. Approve Holiday for 2011-12**
- 3. Brian Giroir/Ronnie Ratcliff – padding/carpet for batting cage at Civic Center**
- 4. Resolution No. 2-12 – Lillian Russo**
- 5. Proclamation No. 02-12 – Domestic Violence Awareness Month**
- 6. Set Halloween for October 31, 2011 from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.**

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 11, 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, October 11, 2011, at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

There were present: Council members Duval Arthur, Penny Crappell, Troy Lombardo, and Edgar Thomas.

Absent: Damon Robison

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

Councilman Edgar Thomas 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 Penny Crappell.

Guests attending the meeting were Paul Naquin, Gary Duhon, Albert Foulcard, Norris Crappell and Kevin Voisin. Each candidate announced their candidacy for the St. Mary Parish Council and asked for the support of the mayor and council. Joan Adams, who represented the Franklin Harvest Moon Festival, invited all to attend the festival which will be held on October 29.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of September, 2011. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for September, 2011, were about half of the amount written in September, 2010. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for September, 2011, were also about half of the amount written in September, 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 seven fire calls for the month of September. Chief Touchet stated that the Tour du Teche 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 that the new gazebo on the walking trail on Fairview Drive has been designed and construction should begin in the next couple of weeks. The new bridge on Thorguson/Berwick South Road has been completed and traffic has been restored one way, towards River Road. 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 – Proclamation No. 1-12 – Red Ribbon Committee. Jacki Ackel and Herman Hartman addressed the mayor and council and thanked them for the past and future support.

Item #2 on the agenda – Approve Holiday Schedule for 2011-12. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the holiday schedule was approved as follows:

1. November 24/25, 2011 Thanksgiving
2. December 26, 2011 Christmas

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| 3. January 2, 2012 | New Year's Day |
| 4. January 16, 2012 | Martin Luther King Day |
| 5. February 21, 2012 | Mardi Gras Day |
| 6. April 6, 2012 | Good Friday |
| 7. May 28, 2012 | Memorial Day |
| 8. July 4, 2012 | Independence Day |
| 9. September 3, 2012 | Labor Day |

Item #3 on the agenda – Brian Giroir/Ronnie Ratcliff – padding and carpet for batting cage at civic center. Item canceled at request of Brian Giroir.

Item #4 on the agenda – Resolution No. 2-12 – Resolution of Respect for Lillian Russo. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded Penny Crappell, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #5 on the agenda – Proclamation No. 12-12 – Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Duval Arthur, the proclamation was approved unanimously.

Item #6 on the agenda – Set Halloween for October 31, 2011, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

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

Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

ATTEST:

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk