

**Minutes  
Public Hearing  
Town of Iowa  
115 N. Thomson  
Iowa, LA 70647  
March 14, 2022 6:30p.m.**

Mayor Hesse called the public hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. Present was Mayor Hesse; Council Members; Gerald Guidry, Joe Becnel, Vernessa Guillory, and Daniel Hennigan; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; Town Attorney Eugene Bouquet; Police Chief Keith Vincent; about 12 citizens.

Mayor Hesse announced the purpose of the public hearing, to hear comments/questions allowing a variance of the cell tower ordinance for the building of a wireless communications tower to be built by Vertical Bridge, LLC. Mayor Hesse asked if anyone had any questions or wished to make any comments. Nobody came forward. Mayor Hesse closed the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

**Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Town of Iowa  
115 N. Thomson  
Iowa, La  
January 10, 2022 6:30 p.m.**

Mayor and Town Council met in regular session this date in compliance with all requirements as to notice.

Present: Mayor Paul Hesse; Council Members: Daniel Hennigan, Gerald Guidry, Vernessa Guillory, and Joe Becnel; [quorum present]; Chief of Police H. Keith Vincent; Town Attorney Eugene Bouquet; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; and about 12 citizens. Absent was Julie Fontenot.

Invocation by Joe Becnel; followed by Pledge.

Mayor Hesse called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Joe Becnel to amend agenda to add, Motion to advertise for bids on new HVAC system for City Hall/Police Building. The motion passed unanimously.

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa to adopt agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to approve February 14, 2022 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSSINESS:**

It was discussed to make N Kinney Street a one-way from David to Scott Street. The flow of traffic for the nearby church was talked about and Mayor Hesse said he wanted to talk to a few people that would be affected by the one-way and then it would be brought back to council's attention at April's meeting.

Mayor Hesse read item 2, Request by Vertical Bridge 500 LLC for a wireless Communications Tower Permit. Mr. Bouquet clarified the reason for the public hearing held earlier, for the variance of the cell tower ordinance. He said the ordinance required certain notification to residents within 1000 feet of the proposed site of the tower. Vertical Bridge 500 LLC requested a waiver of this requirement. In Lieu of the required notification a public hearing notice was published in the official journal, posted on the town's website and on the town's social media page, facebook. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by**

Joe Becnel to approve the variance of notification requirements as set forth in the cell tower ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hesse read item 3, Request for variance approval of quad Plex at 412-418 S. Welty Street. Mr. Jaramillo came forward. Mr. Bouquet explained the building ordinance 2019-07 is not clear on this matter. The ordinance reads that not more than one living dwelling per lot is allowed. He said that the town doesn't have an ordinance that regulates the building of apartments or multi-family buildings. The request is to build a quad plex across two lots and since a duplex is already located on one of the lots it requires a variance by the council to allow it. Mayor Hesse asked the Council what they would like to do? It was **moved by** Joe Becnel, **seconded by** Gerald Guidry to grant a waiver to build a quadplex across the two lots with the stipulation to tear down the existing duplex. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Gerald Guidry and Joe Becnel

Nays: Daniel Hennigan and Vernessa Guillory

Absent: Julie Fontenot

The motion failed. Mr. Bouquet said that amendments to the ordinance need to be made to address regulations for the building of apartments. Mr. Kenneth Landry came forward and suggested the Council be consistent. Mr. Jaramillo asked if he could have it on next month's meeting agenda. Mayor Hesse said he was welcome to come back when all the Council Members are present.

Officer Crooks came forward and reported the owner of 410 Sherman Street demolished the building. Officer Crooks noted the owner of 506 W. First Street was not present and has been notified to attend the meeting for demolition of his building. Officer Crooks said the owner was listed as Fellowship Management group, LLC. Mr. Bouquet said that we will find out who the registered agent is and send him a letter for condemnation.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Architect, Jeff Kudla was not present.

- a. Mayor reported the HVAC system in City Hall building needed to be replaced and funds from American Rescue Act can be used for the project. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to advertise for bid, not to exceed \$170,000.00, for the replacement of City Hall Building HVAC. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Joe Becnel to approve Pay Request #1 from K&J Development of SWLA for \$129,224. For Public Works Storage and Break Room Building. The motion passed unanimously.

Engineer, Walt Jessen, came forward. Upon his recommendations the following motions were made:

- a. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to approve Pay Request #1 to Blake D. Hines, Inc. for Water Line Looping project in the amount of \$29,936.70. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. It was **moved by** Joe Becnel, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to receive, and accept the low bid of \$199,941.52 from R.C. Paving for the Southland Estates paving Project. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to receive, and accept the low bid of \$1,689,999.99 from Spinks Construction, Inc for the Sewer Pond Hurricane Repairs. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to approve Pay Request #4 in the amount of \$3,824.93 for engineering services for construction of N. Storer Drainage Improvements. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to approve Payment #4 in the amount of \$119,710.92 to McManus Construction, LLC for the N. Storer Avenue Drainage Improvements Project. The motion passed unanimously.

- f. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Joe Becnel to accept the N. Storer Drainage Project as substantially complete and to advertise for the 45 day lien clearance period. The motion passed unanimously.

***RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02***

A RESOLUTION accepting the substantial completion of Project No. I-2020-178, North Storer Avenue Drainage Improvements for the Town of Iowa, LA, and authorizing the advertising of the lien period.

WHEREAS, McManus Construction, LLC has substantially completed its contract with the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, for Project No. I-2020-178, North Storer Avenue Drainage Improvements, Town of Iowa, LA,

WHEREAS, D. W. Jessen & Associates, LLC has informed the Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, that McManus Construction, LLC has substantially completed its contract and that the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, should accept the said improvements as substantially complete from the said contractor and assume the maintenance of the same;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF IOWA, LOUISIANA, in regular session convened, that:

SECTION I: All of the above and foregoing provisions are hereby made a part of this resolatory provision; and the Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, the governing authority of the said Town, does hereby accept from the said McManus Construction, LLC as substantially completed, the heretofore described substantial completion of Project No. I-2020-178 , North Storer Avenue Drainage Improvements, Town of Iowa, LA, and the Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, does hereby accept said improvements for maintenance.

SECTION 2: The Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, does hereby authorize the running of a legal advertisement notifying lien holders affected, that the final payment will be made at the end of the lien period of forty-five (45) days.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at Iowa, Louisiana, on this the 14th day of March, 2022.

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PAUL HESSE, MAYOR  
TOWN OF IOWA, LOUISIANA

ATTEST:

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CLERK OF THE TOWN OF IOWA

Clayton Aymond reported the February activities for the Street and Maintenance Department. Mayor announced LED lights will replace the old streetlights and park lights.

James Hardy gave a report on February activities for the Sewer Department. Mayor discussed installing grinder pumps for the lift stations to help with the grease trap issues at certain locations. He said it will cost about \$25,000.00 per pump but will stop a lot of issues the town is having.

Charles Ramour was absent. Pat Thibodeaux gave a report on February activities for the Water Department.

It was **moved by** Joe Becnel, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to approve Annual Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Report for January 2021- December 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

### MWPP RESOLUTION

Resolved that the Town of Iowa informs the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality that the following actions were taken by Town Councilmen:

1. Resolved the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report for January 2021- December 2021 which is attached to this resolution.
2. Set forth the following actions necessary to maintain permit requirements contained in the Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit, Number LA0043656.
  - A. To continue being good environmental stewards by maintaining our wastewater treatment plant and continuing required analytical analysis in accordance with our current LDEQ permit, including monthly monitoring of influent CBOD.

Passed by a majority/unanimous vote of the Town Councilmen on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, Two Thousand and Twenty-two.

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CLERK

Chief Keith Vincent came before the Mayor and Council and reported the activities for the month of February for the Police Department. Upon the recommendation of Chief Vincent, it was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Gerald Guidry to add Brent Stantz as Reserve Officer effective December 29, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Dustin Mallet, Assistant Fire Chief, reported the February activities of the Fire Department.

Mayor Hesse gave a report of the financials. He announced that a budget meeting was held with the department heads and asked the Council if they wanted to put anything in the budget pertaining to their district's needs.

Mr. Kenneth Landry came forward and brought up some concerns he had. He asked about a couple of electric poles that needed attention, trash to be picked up on the side of the road, drainage project on S. Sherman Street, and culvert project. Mayor addressed each concern. Mr. Bouquet said that the culvert project needed to be looked at a little closer because of our limitations.

Mayor Hesse asked if there was anything anyone else wanted to discuss. With no further business, it was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Joe Becnel to adjourn meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

ATTEST:

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Paul Hesse, Mayor

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Cynthia Mallett, MMC



