

**Minutes
Town of Iowa
115 N. Thomson, Iowa, LA
July 10, 2023 7:00 p.m.**

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

Mayor Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Douglas Neal Watkins; Council Members: Gerald Guidry, Daniel Hennigan, Joe Becnel, Vernessa Guillory, and Julie Fontenot; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; Town Attorney Eugene Bouquet; Police Chief Keith Vincent; and about 8 citizens.

The invocation was given by Council Member Joe Becnel; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was **moved** by Julie Fontenot, **seconded** by Daniel Hennigan to amend agenda to add: Motion regarding the Senior Citizens Center.

It was **moved** by Daniel Hennigan, **seconded** by Julie Fontenot to adopt the amended agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

It was **moved** by Joe Becnel, **seconded** by Vernessa Guillory to approve minutes as presented for Special Meeting, June 28, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Watkins introduced Bobby Holmes, Candidate for Division F Judge for 14th Judicial District Court. Mr. Holmes came forward and gave a background of his legal experience and accomplishments. The Mayor and Council thanked him for coming. Mayor asked if anyone had any questions. No questions were asked.

Mayor Watkins asked Council Member Julie Fontenot if she wanted to go ahead with her motion. Council Member Julie Fontenot explained that she mentioned a few months back that there were some tablets that were purchased during a prior administration and these tablets were not being used. She asked if they could be transferred to the Iowa Senior Citizens at the center for their use. Mr. Bouquet said that a resolution would be appropriate. It was **moved** by Daniel Hennigan, **seconded** by Joe Becnel to approve a transfer of unused tablets from Town of Iowa to the Iowa Senior Citizen Center. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2023-16

**A RESOLUTION TRANSFERING MOVEABLE SURPLUS PROPERTY TO
A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

WHEREAS, The Town of Iowa no longer has need of ten outdated electronic tablets;
and

WHEREAS, These tablets would benefit the Iowa Senior Citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Iowa hereby acknowledges the public service provided the
Iowa Senior Citizens through the Calcasieu Parish Council on Aging; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14 of Louisiana Constitution allows the donation or
exchange of surplus moveable property between political subdivision.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Town Council Members for the
Town of Iowa, Louisiana, in regular session this date does hereby transfer
ten outdated electronic tablets.

The following Council Members voted:

YEAS: Julie Fontenot, Daniel Hennigan, Gerald Guidry, Joe Becnel, and Vernessa Guillory

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

WHEREAS, this resolution was declared adopted on this 10th day of July, 2023.

APPROVED:

Douglas N Watkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cynthia Mallett, Municipal Clerk

Mayor Watkins read the next item on the agenda and asked if Ms. Stevens wanted to come forward or if Mr. Ceasar would be her spokesperson. Mr. Ceasar came forward. Mr. Bouquet discussed with Mr. Calvin Ceasar the wording on the agenda should be a partition and not subdivision. Mr. Ceasar requested that the town prepare a letter saying that the Council accepted partition of survey of land and address it to Janice Stevens. Mayor Watkins asked about the older mobile home on the property and asked what was planned for the existing mobile home. Mr. Ceasar said that Johnny Guillory will be explaining that. Mayor Watkins explained that the older mobile home will have to be inspected to have it moved to a different position to where it is now. Council Member Julie Fontenot asked how many mobile homes will be on the property. She said there will be just one mobile home on the property. No action was taken.

Mayor Watkins read the next item of the agenda and said that this is in regard to the lease for the police vehicles. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Joe Becnel to introduce Ordinance 2023-03, An ordinance amending the FY 2023-2024 Budget for the Town of Iowa Louisiana with an introduced amendment of Prior Year Cash Appropriated actual to \$121,677.00 and Lease Vehicles actual to \$117,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Watkins asked Town Clerk Cindy Mallett to give the financial report. Cindy Mallett reported the financials for the month of June 2023. Cindy asked if there were any questions. Mr. Ceasar came forward and asked questions concerning sales tax revenue, drainage projects, and other financial expenditures. Mayor answered his questions. Mr. Ceasar asked about the revenues that are expected be received for the month of June. Mayor Watkins invited Mr. Ceasar to come in to the office to discuss the questions he had.

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

ATTEST:

Neal Watkins, Mayor

Cynthia Mallett, MMC

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Iowa, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Town of Iowa, State of Louisiana, will meet on August 14, 2023 at seven O'clock p.m., at its regular meeting place, Iowa City Hall Meeting Room, 115 N. Thomson Avenue, Iowa, Louisiana at which time there will be a public hearing on the adoption of the below introduced ordinances:

Ordinance 2023-03

An Ordinance Amending FY 2023-2024 Budget for the Town of Iowa Louisiana

All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written or oral comments. Handicapped persons needing assistance or aid should contact City Hall, 337-582-3535 before the meeting. Published in Lake Charles American Press.