

**Minutes  
Special Meeting  
115 N. Thomson, Iowa, LA 70647  
February 2, 2026**

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

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

Mayor Watkins called roll. Present: Mayor Douglas Watkins; Council Members: Gerald Guidry, Julie Fontenot, Joe Becnel, and Vernessa Guillory. Absent Daniel Hennigan. A quorum was established.

Also, present were Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; Chief of Police Keith Vincent and about 7 people.

Invocation was said by Council Member Joe Becnel, followed by the pledge.

It was **moved by Julie Fontenot, seconded by Vernessa Guillory** to adopt the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Watkins read the first item on the agenda. He invited Mr. Schexnayder to come forward. Mr. Schexnayder came forward. Mayor Watkins addressed Mr. Schexnayder with the issue and complaint. There was discussion between Mayor Watkins and Mr. Schexnayder of the history of the complaints and the progress of the cleanup of the property. Mayor Watkins asked if there were any questions or comments. Council Member Julie Fontenot inquired about the cost of cleanup. Mayor Watkins said quotes will be requested. Mr. Schexnayder asked for 30 days to clean up the property.

It was **moved by Joe Becnel, seconded by Vernessa Guillory** to grant Mr. Schexnayder 15 days to clean it up, if it is not cleaned up at the end of 15 days then the town will proceed with a contractor to clean it up. The motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, it was **moved by Joe Becnel, seconded by Julie Fontenot**, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

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Douglas N Watkins, Mayor

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Cynthia Mallett MMC, Town Clerk