

**Minutes
Public Hearing
Town of Iowa
115 N. Thomson
Iowa, LA
October 10, 2022 6:30 p.m.**

A Public Hearing was called in compliance with all requirements as to notice and open meeting regulations.

Present: Mayor Paul Hesse; Council Members Gerald Guidry, Joe Becnel, Vernessa Guillory, Daniel Hennigan, and Julie Fontenot; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; Town Attorney Eugene Bouquet, and about 6 citizens.

Mayor Hesse called the public hearing to order at 6:33 p.m.

Mayor Hesse read the title to the introduced Ordinance No. 2022-05, An Ordinance Establishing Access Management to Maintain Traffic Control. He asked if anyone had any questions or comments. Town Clerk Cindy Mallett and Town Attorney Eugene Bouquet announced the ordinance was not ready to be voted on because some of the language and regulations has not been verified. Mr. Bouquet said that it could be done for next Council Meeting. Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 6:34 p.m.

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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, Joe Becnel, and Julie Fontenot; Fire Chief Sonny Coffey; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; Town Attorney Eugene Bouquet; and about 6 citizens.

Invocation was led by Council Member Joe Becnel; followed by Pledge.

Mayor Hesse called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

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

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to approve minutes as presented for Regular Meeting September 12, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jeff Kudla, Architect, came forward to report project updates. Upon the recommendation of Jeff Kudla, it was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to approve payment of invoice #5149 to Efficient Air Systems in the amount of \$38,200.00 for the HVAC system. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of Jeff Kudla, it was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to approve payment #7 to K&J Development of SWLA in the amount of \$76,202.85 for the public storage and break room building project. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kudla reported that the buddy ball field is well in motion and Phase II planning has begun. He is hoping to have the rest ready for advertisement of bids by Thanksgiving.

Mr. Walt Jessen came forward to report project updates. Upon the recommendation of Walt Jessen, it was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to approve Invoice #5 and final pay request from Blake D. Hines, Inc. for the Water Line Looping thru Iowa City Park in the amount of \$15,956.00. The motion passed unanimously. Upon the request by Walt Jessen, it was **moved by** Julie Fontenot,

seconded by Daniel Hennigan to pay invoice #2 and final to D.W. Jessen & Associates for Water Line Looping thru Iowa City Park in the amount of \$808.01. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon the request by Walt Jessen, it was **moved by Joe Becnel, seconded by Vernessa Guillory** to approve change order #1 for the Oxidation Pond Project in the amount of \$22,663.47. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hesse discussed the overlay project with Mr. Jessen and informed the Council Members that the cost received for the planned overlay project on Sherman Street and 1st Street was significantly more than what was planned. He suggested that one street be overlaid now and when funds become available the other street could be done. He asked the Council Members which street they wanted to do now. The Council agreed to overlay Sherman Street now.

Mr. Pat Thibodeaux, Public Works Director, came forward and reported on the activities of the public works department for the month of September and gave updates on projects. Mayor Hesse clarified that the Serenity Garden drainage project is a separate project from the construction of the Garden.

Fire Chief Sonny Coffey came forward and reported on Fire Department activities for the month of September. He reported that the Fire Truck was ordered. Mayor Hesse said that the town just received the ARPA Funds for this year and the \$300,000.00 the town is contributing for the truck will come from those funds. Chief Coffey discussed a possible burn ban in Calcasieu Parish and asked that if anyone calls for a burn permit that it be denied until future notice.

Officer Kristie Juarez, representing Police Chief Keith Vincent, came forward and reported on the Police Department's activities for the month of September. Officer Juarez requested the agenda be amended to add the ranking of "Senior" CPL to item 6b. and add motion to promote Mattie Gaspard from Senior Corporal to Patrol Sergeant/Detective.

It was **moved by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Julie Fontenot** to amend the agenda to add ranking of "Senior" CPL to item 6b. and add motion to promote Mattie Gaspard from Senior Corporal to Patrol Sergeant/Detective. The motion carried unanimously.

As requested by Ms. Juarez, and upon the recommendation of Chief Vincent, it was **moved by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Julie Fontenot** to promote Brandon Guillory from part-time to full-time patrolman ranked as CPL, effective 10-7-2022. The motion carried unanimously.

As requested by Ms. Juarez, and upon the recommendation of Chief Vincent, it was **moved by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Julie Fontenot**, to transfer Keelan Poullard from part-time to full-time patrolman ranked as Senior CPL, effective 10-14-2022. The motion carried unanimously.

As requested by Ms. Juarez, and upon the recommendation of Chief Vincent, it was **moved by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Julie Fontenot** to promote Mattie Gaspard from Senior Corporeal to Patrol Sargent/Detective. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda, A motion to approve agreement with Utility Associates, Inc and authorize Mayor Hesse to execute said agreement, was discussed. Town Clerk reported that Utility Associates, Inc. suggested making an amendment of 9.2 of the agreement by strikethrough "State of Georgia" and replace it with "State of Louisiana". Mr. Bouquet agreed the amendment to the agreement would be acceptable. It was **moved by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Julie Fontenot** to approve agreement with Utility Associates, Inc with the amendment of 9.2, Governing Law and Venue, and authorize Mayor Hesse to execute said agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hesse read the next item on the agenda and explained the surplus property needing to be sold was from the replaced HVAC project. He said there were two A/C Units that were considered surplus with a value. It was **moved by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Julie Fontenot** to approve Resolution No. 2022-22, A Resolution declaring surplus property. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2022-22

The Town of Iowa declares the following property is no longer needed by the Town, and is declared surplus property to be assigned and sold online by LaMATS through the LPS Municipal

Surplus Property Program, 700 North Tenth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, Paul Holmes, Program Administrator:

- 1) 1-2014 2 ½ Ton Trane/American Standard outside Air Conditioner Unit
- 2) 1-2019 5 Ton Trane XR outside Air Conditioner Unit

and assigns same to LaMATS, as-is/where-is, to sell online at <https://lamats.net/surplus>. All high bids are subject to review by the town to determine if the fair market value has been obtained. Where the minimum value of an item has been listed, but has not been reached, the Town of Iowa reserves the right to reevaluate the minimum value considering the auction results, and to lower the minimum value if deemed fair and reasonable, or to relist the item.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana on this 10th day of October, 2022.

PAUL HESSE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Cynthia Mallett, Municipal Clerk

It was **moved** by Daniel Hennigan, **seconded** by Julie Fontenot to approve Resolution No. 2022-23, A Resolution to submit Capital Outlay Request for GIS Mapping. The motion passed unanimously.

The following resolution was offered by Daniel Hennigan seconded by Julie Fontenot and duly resolved:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-23

A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUEST

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature will appropriate funding for certain Capital Outlay Projects, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Iowa is in need of assistance in funding a GIS Mapping project for the Town of Iowa water and sewer lines.

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and proper to submit request to the State of Louisiana, Fiscal Year 2023-2024, by way of ECORTS (Capital Outlay Report Tracking System).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Iowa that Mayor Paul Hesse is hereby authorized to request, by ECORTS, to the State of Louisiana, and also execute any and all documents should this request for funding be granted.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was declared adopted.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Cynthia Mallett, MMC, Town Clerk of the Town of Iowa, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Iowa on October 10, 2022 at which time a quorum was present and voting.

CYNTHIA MALLET, MMC

TOWN CLERK
TOWN OF IOWA

Mayor Hesse read the title of the proposed ordinance to be introduced. Ordinance No. 2022-06, An Ordinance Amending the FY 2021-2022 Budget for the Town of Iowa Louisiana. He explained the need to amend the budget as part of the audit process and to be compliant with state budget laws.

Mayor Hesse read the title to proposed Ordinance No. 2022-07, An Ordinance Amending The Code of Ordinances for the Town of Iowa to Include Nuisance Abatement. He asked Mr. Bouquet to give an explanation and background information on the need to adopt this nuisance ordinance. Mr. Bouquet said, as per the request of the Mayor and Council, he reviewed the ordinance that the City of Lake Charles adopted and said it was a very good ordinance and very specific. It meets the requirements of the court system. There was discussion on certain sections of the written ordinance. Mayor Hesse asked if it would contradict other ordinances we presently have. Mr. Bouquet said that it should not interfere with any other ordinance in our code. Mayor announced that this is the introduction of the ordinance no vote was necessary at this time.

Mayor Hesse read agenda item #11 and explained that the Iowa Senior Citizen Center is in need of specific items. He said the total for these items is \$12,000.00 and would give our local Senior Citizens Center things they need. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Gerald Guidry to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with and between the Town of Iowa and Calcasieu Parish Council on Aging for specific needed items and authorize Mayor Hesse to execute said agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hesse gave the financial report.

Mayor Hesse announced that there will be a Mayoral Forum on October 15, 2022 at the Iowa Community Center. He said this event will be recorded. Mayor Hesse announced that an event scheduled for October 18, 2022 with Federal, State, and local leaders will be at the Community Center to report on updates and projects. He said this also will be recorded.

Council Member Daniel Hennigan suggested that a street be renamed in honor of the Foreman brothers for their contribution to the service of their country and the Town of Iowa. There was discussion about which street would be renamed. Mayor asked for recommendations. Mr. Joshua Maser came forward and gave a suggestion, based on other cities, towns, or communities, to use a section of Highway 90 instead of renaming a street.

Council Member Daniel Hennigan commended Public Works Director, Pat Thibodeaux on the job he was doing.

With no further business it was **moved by** Daniel Henningan, **seconded by** Joe Becnel to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.

ATTEST:

Paul Hesse, 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 November 14, 2022 at six thirty (6:30) 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 No. 2022-05

An Ordinance Establishing Access Management to Maintain Traffic Control

Ordinance No. 2022-06

An Ordinance Amending the FY 2021-2022 Budget for the Town of Iowa Louisiana.

Ordinance No. 2022-07

An Ordinance Amending The Code of Ordinances for the Town of Iowa to Include Nuisance Abatement

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.