

Minutes
Regular Meeting
115 N. Thomson, Iowa, LA 70647
March 10, 2025

Mayor Watkins and Town Council met in Regular session this date in compliance with all requirements as to notice. Mayor Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

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

Others present were Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; Town Attorney Eugene Bouquet; Chief of Police Keith Vincent and about 35 people.

Invocation was said by Pastor Alan Weishampel , followed by Pledge.

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

It was **moved by Joe Becnel, seconded by Vernessa Guillory** to approve the minutes as presented for regular meeting February 10, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Watkins asked for the report of financials. Cynthia Mallett reported the town's monthly and year to date financial as distributed to Mayor and Council Members.

Mayor Watkins addressed the citizens and Council Members on the following topics:

- a. Town's financial position.
- b. Annual inspection of the town's water tower.
- c. A door hanger that will be distributed to each resident and used as a survey for ways to better communicate information to the residents of the Town of Iowa.
- d. Reported multiple positive accomplishments made within the past two years by the present administration and plans for the successful future of the Town of Iowa.
- e. He thanked our Senators and Representatives and stated that he stands behind them with all their efforts for the betterment of the Town of Iowa.

Mayor Watkins read item three of the agenda. Discussion of Parks and Projects. He gave a report of the completion of the sewer line replacement that affected parts of the ballfields in the park. He asked if there were any questions or discussions. There were no further discussions.

Mayor Watkins read item four of the agenda. It was **moved by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Julie Fontenot** to approve Resolution for the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Audit Report. The motion passed unanimously. Permit #:LA0043605

MWPP Resolution

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

- I. Resolved the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report for January 2024 — December 2024 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 LA0043605.
- 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 10th day of March, TWO Thousand and Twenty-Five.


Cynthia Mallett, MMC

CLERK

Mayor Watkins read item five of the agenda. It was **moved by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Vernessa Guillory** to approve Resolution 2025-02. The motion passed unanimously. He asked if there were any questions or comments. There were no discussions.

Resolution 2025-02

A Resolution to Declare Property as Surplus And Assign to
LPS Municipal Surplus Property Program for Online Sale

Council Meeting Date: March 10, 2023

Agenda item: Surplus Property

Presented by: Mayor Watkins

Be It Resolved:

1. The Town of Iowa declares that the following property used by multiple Departments is no longer needed by the town and is declared surplus property and is assigned to LaMATS through the LPS Surplus Property Program, 6767 Perkins Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70808 to be auctioned online. The listed property will be viewable and will be auctioned online at www.lamats.net/surplus commencing the day of publication of this resolution for no fewer than 7 days until sold or withdrawn.

Description

- 1 4-Dining Chairs
- 2 1- Yorkville Speaker
- 3 1- 2016 Ford F250 Pickup VIN 1FT7W2BT7GEB48353

The Town of Iowa reserves the right to evaluate and to accept the highest bid if deemed to be the fair market value or to relist the unsold item.

Instructions

[Lake Charles American Press, jackie.martz@americanpress.com] and forward to the LPS Municipal Surplus Property Program Administrator for listing and publication paul@lamats.net.

ATTEST:

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Cynthia Mallett, MMC

Mayor Watkins read item six on the agenda. Chief Vincent to come forward. Upon the recommendation of Chief Vincent it was **moved by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Joe Becnel** to approve hiring Kevin Loewer as full-time patrol officer effective 2-24-2025. The motion passed unanimously. Upon the recommendation of Chief Vincent it was **moved by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Julie Fontenot** to transfer Megan Thibodeaux from part-time dispatcher to full-time dispatcher effective 2-24-2025. The motion passed unanimously. Chief Vincent thanked everyone for their continued support.

With no further business to discuss, it was **moved by Joe Becnel, seconded by Vernessa Guillory**, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

Douglas N Watkins, Mayor

Cynthia Mallett, MMC