

Minutes
Special Meeting
115 N. Thomson, Iowa, LA 70647
City Hall Meeting Room
May 17, 2021 6:30 p.m.

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

Present: Mayor Paul Hesse; Council Members: Gerald Guidry, Joe Becnel, and Daniel Hennigan; Assistant Town Clerk Kim Guillory; and about 3 citizens. Absent was Council Member Julie Fontenot and Vernessa Guillory.

Mayor Hesse asked for a moment of silence in recognition of Memorial Day followed by the Lord's Prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Hesse announced a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Joe Becnel to amend agenda to add: Introduce Ordinance 2021-04, and Discuss a request by Mr. Torres to grant variance of over aged mobile home into Town of Iowa. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Officer Crooks came before the Mayor and Council. He gave an updated report on the properties and condemnations of special meeting held March 15, 2021.

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Joe Becnel to proceed with the condemnation process pursuant to Calcasieu Parish inspection and serve notice to owners of the following addresses: 108 S. Storer Street, 402 N. Lightner, 410 S. Welty, and 310 W. HWY 90. The motion passed unanimously.

Officer Crooks reported further on the properties discussed at Special Meeting held April 19, 2021. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Joe Becnel to proceed with condemnation process pursuant to Calcasieu Parish inspection and serve notice to owners of the following addresses: 304 W. Hwy 90, 809 E. Hwy 90, 506 W First, and 214 N. Storer. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Julie Fontenot entered meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Hesse announced the following addresses for hearing of condemnation of property:

- a. 321-A Third Street: Owner was not present. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to send notification to owner granting four months to make repairs. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. 110 S. Thomson Avenue: It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to allow four months to cleanup property. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. 414-A S. Knapp Street: Son of owner said they are going to repair the structure. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to allow four months to make required repairs. The motion passed unanimously.

- d. 220 & 218 Railroad Avenue: It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to allow owners four months to tear down structure. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. 200 N. Storer Street: It was reported that the owner of the land and the owner of the trailer were two different persons. Item was deferred unanimously, until owner of trailer could be found.
- f. 419 W Hwy 90: Owner was not present because of weather conditions this day. Council unanimously agreed to send the owner a second notification for hearing.
- g. 415 S. Storer: Owner listed on report was incorrect. Property owner was not present. Council requested that a second notice be sent and unanimously agreed to order Calcasieu Parish Inspector to perform an inspection.
- h. 110 S. Bowers Street: Owner was not present. Council requested a second certified letter be sent to owner.
- i. 107 N. Storer: It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to do a notification in the official journal because there was no response from the sent letter. The motion passed unanimously.
- j. 103 N. Storer: Council unanimously requested that Officer Crooks send a second certified letter to owner.
- k. 410 S. Philbrick: Council unanimously requested that Officer Crooks send a second certified letter to owner.
- l. 402 S. Philbrick: Officer Crooks reported that the owner is deceased, and a certified letter was not signed as received. Mr. Bouquet recommends and advertisement in the newspaper and it will count as a notice.

Officer Crooks presented to the Mayor and Council Members a list and information of properties to consider for the process of condemnation as follows:

- a. 616 N. Lightner: Council unanimously agreed to request an inspection by Calcasieu Parish Inspector
- b. 412 S. Welty: Council unanimously agreed to send a certified letter to owner for hearing.
- c. 408-B S. Welty: Council unanimously agreed to send a certified letter to owner for hearing.
- d. 412-A S. Welty: Council unanimously agreed to send a certified letter to owner for hearing.
- e. 408 S. Welty: Council unanimously agreed to request an inspection by Calcasieu Parish Inspector.
- f. 405 S. Welty: Council unanimously agreed to request an inspection by Calcasieu Parish Inspector
- g. 312 S. Sherman: Council unanimously agreed to allow owner four months to get property in safe condition.
- h. 604 W. Third (listed as 604 W. First in error): Council unanimously agreed to request an inspection by Calcasieu Parish inspector.
- i. 414 S. Sherman: Council unanimously agreed to request an inspection by Calcasieu Parish Inspector.
- j. 806 E HWY 90: Council unanimously agreed to send second notice to owner for hearing.

Mr. Torres came forward with the request to move an aged mobile home within the Town of Iowa. Questions from the Council was asked of Mr. Torres. After Mr. Torres answered questions, it was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to approve a waiver and grant Mr. Torres a permit to move a 1994 mobile home into the Town of Iowa

with the requirements that repairs to the mobile home be made within thirty days. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hesse introduced the single proposal received from the Request for Professional Services. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to accept the single proposal submitted from Frye Magee, LLC for the application and administration of LCDBG-CR. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hesse submitted to the Council three bids received on the advertisement for a natural gas generator for the water well. He said the lowest bid came from Cummins Sales and Service in the amount of \$93,589.00. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to award the bid to Cummins Sales and Service. The motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion about proposed budget amounts but the totals for the proposed budget had not been completed. Council unanimously agreed to defer introduction of Ordinance 2021-04 until next meeting.

No further business to discuss, it was moved by Julie Fontenot, seconded by Gerald Guidry to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Paul Hesse, Mayor

Cynthia Mallett, Town Clerk

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 June 14, 2021 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 2021-03

An Ordinance to amend section 47-9 subpart (B) to add another intersection stop signs, yield signs

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.