

Minutes
Public Hearing Meeting
Town of Iowa
115 N. Thomson
June 14, 2021
Iowa, La
6:30 p.m.

Mayor Paul Hesse called a public hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. Present was Mayor Hesse; Council Members Julie Fontenot, Joe Becnel, Daniel Hennigan, Gerald Guidry, and Vernessa Guillory; Town Attorney Eugene Bouquet; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; Chief of Police Keith Vincent; Fire Chief Lewis; and about 8 citizens.

Mayor read the following:

1. Obtain views on the housing and community development needs of the Town of Iowa and discuss the submission of an application for funding under the State of Louisiana Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (LCDBG-CV)HVAC Program. Mayor Hesse asked if anyone had any questions or comments. No questions or comments were made.
2. Obtain views on introduction of Ordinance 2021-03, An Ordinance to amend section 47-9 subpart (B) to add another intersection stop signs, yield signs. Mayor Hesse explained the need, and the request of citizens, for this ordinance. He asked if there were any questions or comments. No questions or comments were made.

Public Hearing was closed at 6:34 p.m.

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Regular Meeting
115 N. Thomson, Iowa, LA 70647
City Hall Meeting Room
June 14, 2021 6:34 p.m.

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

Present: Mayor Paul Hesse; Council Members: Gerald Guidry, Daniel Hennigan, Julie Fontenot, Joe Becnel, and Vernessa Guillory; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; Town Attorney Eugene Bouquet; Chief of Police Keith Vincent; Fire Chief Joseph Lewis; and about 8 citizens.

Invocation by Council Member Joe Becnel, followed by Pledge.

Mayor Hesse announced a quorum was met.

Mayor Hesse asked for a motion to add two items to the agenda; 1. To approve Resolution No. 2021-09, Resolution entering into agreement associated with administration LCDBG-CV application subject to state approval and upon Office of Community Development paying administrative fees. 2. To approve Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury and the Town of Iowa for assistance of debris removal for hurricanes Laura and Delta.

It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to add the above stated items to the agenda as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

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

It was **moved by** Joe Becnel, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to approve minutes of Regular Meeting May 10, 2021 and Special Meeting, May 17, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hesse announced that item 3 of the agenda will be heard first. The Mayor asked Mr. Bren Stantz to come forward. Mr. Stantz came forward and requested the Mayor and Council allow him to install a wooden privacy fence on town right of way in the rear of the property he recently purchased at the location of 204 S Thomson Avenue. Questions were asked about the installation of the fence and that he would be aware that if the town needed to remove it to make repairs on the right of way, it would be at his expense. Mr. Stantz acknowledged and agreed. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to allow Mr. Brent Stantz to install a wooden privacy fence on Town of Iowa Right of Way with the stipulation that if the town needed to make repairs on the right of way, the fence would be removed at the expense of the property owner. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Hesse read the title of Ordinance 2021-03, An ordinance to amend section 47.9 subpart (B) to add another intersection stop sign, yield signs. He announced the location of intersections listed in the ordinance. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to approve Ordinance 2021-03. The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2021-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 47-9 SUBPART (B) TO ADD ANOTHER INTERSECTION STOP SIGN, YIELD SIGNS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and the Iowa Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, that Section 47-9 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Iowa, is hereby amended to add twelve (12) stop signs at six (6) intersections to subpart b of said section as follows:

Sec. 47-9 (b). Stop signs within the ambit of the Louisiana Highway Regulatory Act shall be posed at the following intersection:

(additions) Stop sign intersections of:

- **S. Philbrick Street and W. First Street, east bound and west bound, making a four way stop**
- **S. Storer Street and W. First Street, east bound and west bound, making a four way stop**
- **S. Philbrick Street and W. Second Street, east bound and west bound, making a four way stop**
- **S. Storer Street and W. Second Street, east bound and west bound, making a four way stop**
- **S. Philbrick Street and W. Third Street, east bound and west bound, making a four way stop**
- **S. Storer Street and W. Third Street, east bound and west bound, making a four way stop**

The above and foregoing addition to the Code of Ordinances, Town of Iowa, Louisiana, has been read and adopted and is only intended as an addition to said Ordinances and the remaining Ordinances and the past enacted Ordinances are still in full force and effect.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on April 12, 2021, the title having been read and appropriate public advertisement completed.

The above ordinance was adopted at a duly convened meeting on motion of Daniel Hennigan seconded by Vernessa Guillory, upon a vote taken as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

WHEREUPON, the presiding officer declared the above Ordinance duly adopted on the 14th day of June, 2021.

PAUL HESSE, MAYOR

I certify that the above ordinance was presented to the Mayor by me on the 16th day of June, 2021.

CYNTHIA MALLETT, CLERK

I, acknowledge receipt of the above ordinance from the Town Clerk on this 16th day of June, 2021.

PAUL HESSE, MAYOR

I, hereby approve the above ordinance on this 16th day of June, 2021.

PAUL HESSE, MAYOR

I certify that the above ordinance was received by me from the Mayor on this 16th day of June, 2021.

CYNTHIA MALLETT, TOWN CLERK

NEW BUSINESS:

Walt Jessen, Engineer, came forward and requested payment of two invoices. 1. R.C. Paving for \$221,693.71 and 2. D.W.Jessen for \$20,084.02 for the Helen and Barkley Paving Project. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to approve payment # 1 to R.C. Paving in the amount of \$221,693.71. The motion carried unanimously. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to approve payment to D.W. Jessen in the amount of \$20,084.02. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jessen reported the lowest bid on the N. Storer Drainage Project was McManus Construction, LLC in the amount of \$519,620.00. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Walt Jessen, it was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Joe Becnel to award the N. Storer Drainage Project to McManus Construction, LLC. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hesse asked Mr. Jessen when he anticipated the project to begin. Mr. Jessen said he estimates in about two months. The Mayor asked if the survey for the Buddy Ball Field was completed. Mr. Jessen affirmed that the survey had been completed. They discussed the plans for the pipe-bursting project for the upcoming LCDBG application.

Mayor Hesse read Resolution 2021-09. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to approve the following resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-09

**RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO AGREEMENT ASSOCIATED WITH
ADMINISTRATION LCDBG-CV APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the Town of Iowa (“Town”) desires to submit a Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (“LCDBG-CV”) Public Facilities application (the “Application”); and,

WHEREAS, the Town has, through federal regulated procurement procedures, received one single proposal for the submittal and administration of the LCDBG-CV application; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Iowa has obtained authorization to award a contract on a non-competitive basis.

THEREFORE, the Town of Iowa desires to enter into an agreement with Frye Magee, LLC, to perform all administrative consulting services associated with the Application, which includes assistance with developing the Application, and thereafter performing all administrative consulting duties following a grant award;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF IOWA,
LOUISIANA:**

1. The Town enters into an agreement with Frye Magee, LLC to develop and submit the Application, and thereafter to perform all administrative consulting duties following a grant award.
2. The Mayor is authorized to execute respective agreements with Frye Magee, LLC, and to execute and submit the Application, as well as all related documents, to be on such other terms and conditions as he shall deem advisable, and to do any and all things necessary and proper to carry out this Resolution and to fulfill its objectives and purposes.
3. This Resolution shall become effective upon final adoption and signature of the Mayor.

Passed, approved and adopted by the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, on June 14, 2021.

Paul Hesse, Mayor

Cynthia Mallett, Clerk

Mayor Hesse presented the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury and the Town of Iowa for the purpose of assisting in the debris removal efforts for Hurricanes Laura and Delta. He explained that the Parish will be giving the town \$90,000.00 to help with the cost of debris removal that FEMA's percentage will not cover. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to approve the agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hesse read his budget message as an introduction for the 2021-2022 budget and then read the title of Ordinance 2021-04, An Ordinance adopting an Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022. A copy of the proposed budget is available at City Hall upon request.

Mayor Hesse read the next item on the agenda to hire McElroy, Quirk, & Burch. He said that there was not enough time to bid this service out for this year but would like to possibly bid it out next year. it was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to hire McElroy, Quirk, and Burch to audit the financial activities of the Town of Iowa for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 and to perform Agreed upon procedures Report. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. James Hardy, Sewer Superintendent came before the Mayor and Council and gave his report of activities for the month of May. Mr. Pat Thibodeaux recognized Mr. Hardy for the work performed on the broken sewer line caused by Entergy during the days following the hurricane while they were replacing an electric pole they broke a town sewer line.

Mr. Charles Ramour, Water Superintendent came before the Mayor and Council and gave his report of activities for the month of May. Mayor asked Mr. Ramour about the timeline of completing the installation of residential water meters. Mr. Ramour estimated about the end of October.

Mr. Clayton Aymond, Street and Maintenance Supervisor came before the Mayor and Council and gave his report of activities for the month of May. Mayor discussed the culvert jet out plan. Possibly putting a list on the web site of where the scheduled jet out will be and the locations.

Mayor Hesse talked about the issues with the garbage on the side of the road. He said that the town will fund the cost of a contractor to pick up all the garbage on the side of the road for a one-time pass. Mayor announced the date of the annual Trash Bash will be June 26, 2021.

Pat Thibodeaux announced Bowers Railroad Crossing will be closed tomorrow and encouraged others to check out the new Facebook Page the town has for this and other announcements.

Fire Chief Lewis came before the Mayor and Council and gave his report of activities for the month of May.

Chief of Police Vincent came before the Mayor and Council and gave his report of activities for the month of May. Upon the request of Chief Vincent, it was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Joe Becnel to promote Christopher Piper from PTN to PFC. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hesse asked Chief Vincent what his anticipation for ticket fines. Chief Vincent stated that this month the fines are up.

Pat Thibodeaux announced that there will be sand and sand bags available behind the big pavilion and by the back gate.

Mayor Hesse presented the proposed Cooperative Agreement between the Town of Iowa and Calcasieu Parish Voluntary Council on the Aging, Inc. He stated that this agreement would be for this fiscal year and would look at it again later. He said the agreement was to help them pay their rent on a building. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to approve the agreement and authorize Mayor Hesse to execute said agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hesse announced that the acceptance of a bid for the fence project around the sewer pond is deferred until next meeting. He said a change in specifications caused a delay.

Mayor Hesse said the financial report was given at the beginning of the meeting during the reading of the budget message and budget proposal.

Mayor Hesse invited comments from citizens. Ms. Dereese came before the Mayor and Council with concerns about her neighborhood in Haprer Subdivision. She stated she learned a lot by attending the meeting. She complained about the debris still in their subdivision and the issues it has caused. Mayor Hesse said it will be looked at and we will see what can be done.

Mayor Hesse asked if any of the Council Members had remarks. Vernessa Guillory stated that Main Street was looking much better.

Mayor Hesse announced the date of the special meeting, June 21, 2021 for the Condemnation process.

No further business to discuss, it was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to adjourn meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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 June 21, 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 ordinance:

Ordinance 2021-04

An Ordinance Adopting an Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021 and Ending June 30, 2022

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.

