

**Minutes  
Public Meeting  
Town of Iowa  
115 N. Thomson  
July 12, 2021  
Iowa, La  
6:30 p.m.**

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

Present: Paul Hesse, Mayor; Council Members: Gerald Guidry, Daniel Hennigan, Joe Becnel, and Vernessa Guillory; Absent was Julie Fontenot [quorum present]; Chief of Police H. Keith Vincent; Fire Chief Lewis; Town Attorney Eugene Bouquet; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; and about 10 citizens.

Invocation by Council Member Joe Becnel; followed by Pledge.

Mayor Hesse called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

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

It was stated by Daniel Hennigan a correction to the presented minutes of June 21, 2021 be made. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Joe Becnel to approve the minutes with the amendment of Page 2 paragraph 6 of the June 21, 2021 meeting minutes to read “The Mayor read title of Ordinance 2021-04 and asked for a motion to approve said ordinance. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to approve Ordinance 2021-04. The motion carried with a nay vote of one, Daniel Hennigan”. The motion passed unanimously.

Guest, Kevin Perry, came before the Mayor and Council, introduced himself and expressed the desire to see a wellness/fitness center in Iowa. He asked the town to consider it. He said there may be grant funds available for this. There was a discussion about the possibilities and Daniel Hennigan asked if a committee should be started. Mayor asked if Daniel would start looking into this possibility. Daniel agreed and stated that he would be in touch with Mr. Perry to discuss it further. Mayor thanked Mr. Perry for coming.

Mayor read the resolution to adopt the 2021 Millage Rate. He asked if there were any comments or questions. No comments or questions were made. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to approve Resolution to adopt the millage rate for 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2021 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Town of Iowa:

**MILLAGE**

General Alimony Town of Iowa

5.590 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2021, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Julie Fontenot

#### CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on July 12, 2021, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Town of Iowa, Louisiana, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

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Cynthia Mallet, Town Clerk

Jeff Kudla, Architect, was not present.

Walt Jessen came before the Mayor and Council to give updates on projects. There was discussion about the drainage study for the future buddy ball field. Mr. Jessen recommended the Council approve payment of invoice from E.B. Feucht for retainage, in the amount of \$16,354.65. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to approve said invoice to E.B. Feucht for retainage, in the amount of \$16,354.65. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jessen gave an update on Project I-2021-187, the Waste Water Treatment Facility repairs from Hurricane Laura.

Mr. Jessen gave an update on Project I-2020-182, Asphalt of Helen and Barkley Street. He stated that the weather has stopped them from paving. He said it was helpful to have the pile of debris picked up that was in the way. He said they will continue with the project as soon as possible.

Mr. Jessen gave an update on Project I-2020-178, North Storer Avenue Drainage. He said the executed contract and bonds were delivered and the pre-construction meeting will be set soon.

There was discussion about the Calcasieu Road and Drainage Trust Fund application and the submittal of LCDBG application.

James Hardy, Sewer Superintendent, came forward and reported the month of June's activity. He concluded with the issue of LA One Call and length of time the utility companies are taking to mark lines for the purpose of digging. He said it has caused a delay in completing the work orders for our customers.

Clayton Aymond, Street Superintendent, was not present. Mr. Pat Thibodeaux gave an update on the trash pick up. He stated that the digging of some ditches in town will begin on July 26, 2021.

Charles Ramour, Water Superintendent, came forward and reported the month of June's activity. He stated that the results of the Lead and Copper test, required by Department of Health and Hospitals, passed.

Fire Chief Lewis came forward and reported the activity of the fire department for the month of June. Dainiel Hennigan asked the Chief about the cut in the Fire District's budget, estimated about 35% cut. Chief Lewis stated that all districts took a cut.

Keith Vincent, Chief of Police, came forward. He reported the activity for the month of June. He recommended the Council approve transfer of D'Anna Jean from Full-Time Dispatcher to Part-Time Dispatcher effective 6/30/2021. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Gerald Guidry to approve the recommendation of Chief Vincent. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Vincent recommended the Council approve transfer of Jeanne Dugas from Part-Time Dispatcher to full-time Dispatcher effective 6/30/2021. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Vincent recommended the Council approve transfer of title to Iowa Volunteer Fire Department for a 2011 Ford F-150 Super Crew truck VIN#1223. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Joe Becnel to approve the transfer of title. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Vincent recommended the Council approve transfer of title to Iowa Volunteer Fire Department for 2013 Ford Interceptor SUV Vin#8859. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Vincent announced the possibility of acquiring property for an Emergency Command Center through the Brownfield Assessment Program. He explained the program is a grant funded by the EPA in an effort of cleaning up property that is contaminated and then used for the benefit of the community.

Mayor Hesse read Resolution No. 2021-10. It was **moved by** Dainiel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to approve Resolution No. 2021-10, A resolution adopting the 2021 Calcasieu Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan as required by the State of Louisiana and FEMA. The motion passed unanimously.

## RESOLUTION 2021-10

Resolution adopting the 2021 Calcasieu Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan  
As required by the State of Louisiana and FEMA.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing authority of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana in regular session convened on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021, that they do hereby adopt the 2021 Calcasieu Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan as required by the State of Louisiana and FEMA.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021

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MAYOR PAUL HESSE

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CYNTHIA MALLET, TOWN CLERK

Mayor Hesse requested the Council to approve the annual agreement for the summer feeding program. It was **moved by** Joe Becnel, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to approve Cooperative Endeavor Agreement

between the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury and the Town of Iowa for the purpose of providing a Summer Food Service Program and authorize Mayor Hesse to execute said Cooperative Endeavor Agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hesse gave an updated financial report.

Mayor Hesse announced that a Special Meeting will be called, Monday, July 19, 2021, for the purpose of hearing updates on condemnation project.

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to adjourn meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

ATTEST:

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Paul Hesse, Mayor

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Cynthia Mallett, MMC