

**Minutes
Public Hearing Meeting
Town of Iowa
115 N. Thomson
June 21, 2021
Iowa, La
6:30 p.m.**

Mayor Paul Hesse called a public hearing to order at 6:27 p.m. Present was Mayor Hesse; Council Members Julie Fontenot, Joe Becnel, Daniel Hennigan, Vernessa Guillory, and Gerald Guidry; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett, Chief of Police Keith Vincent; and about 10 citizens.

Mayor read the following:

1. Obtain views on introduction 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. Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or comments. Nobody had any questions or comments.

Public Hearing was closed at 6:28 p.m.

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Special Meeting
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6:30 p.m.**

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

Present: Paul Hesse, Mayor; Council Members: Vernessa Guillory, Daniel Hennigan, Joe Becnel, Gerald Guidry and Julie Fontenot; [quorum present]; Chief of Police H. Keith Vincent; and Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett

Invocation by Council Member Joe Becnel; followed by Pledge.

Mayor Hesse called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

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

Mayor Hesse announced that he will take item 5 of the agenda first to hear from persons present concerning the notice they received for the proposed condemnation of their property.

Mayor Hesse recognized Ms. Margie Hebert. Ms. Hebert requested time to try to sell the property or clean it up. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Joe Becnel to defer action for four months. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hesse recognized Ms. Watson for the property located at 408B S. Welty Street. Ms. Watson came forward and presented a plat showing her property has no access. She explained the owners of 412 S. Welty, Anna Litton, had a fence installed that does not allow her access to her property. There were questions asked to the property owner and discussion was made among the Mayor and Council Members. It was requested that Mr. Bouquet review the issue and give an opinion. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to defer action pending review. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hesse recognized Ms. Brittney Wilson, representing Anna Litton, for property 410, 412 and 412A S. Welty Street. She stated that her grandmother was trying to sell the property and asked for time. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Joe Becnel to grant two months deferment for Ms. Litton. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hesse asked owner of 402 N. Lightner to come forward, Mr. Duncan. Mr. Duncan requested time until at least the end of August. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Joe Becnel to defer for four months. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hesse recognized Mr. Donald Abshire, representing Louis Abshire ET UX, location of 402 S. Philbrick. Mr. Abshire asked for time to tear it down. Mayor announced that a representative from Mennonite Disaster Services was present and he may be able to assist Mr. Abshire. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to defer action on 402 S. Philbrick for four months. The motion carried unanimously. Other persons notified to appear, on this date, for hearing of condemnation of property were not present. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to appoint a curator to represent the persons that have not responded to certified notices to appear. The motion carried unanimously. At approximately 7:08 p.m. Mr. Bouquet joined the meeting via phone call. He was informed of the decision to appoint a curator for certain property owners. He said that he would review it and give a recommendation.

Mr. Phil Heimuth with Mennonite Disaster Services came forward and to explain the help they can provide in rebuilding of some of these properties, if the people qualify. Mayor Hesse thanked him for coming.

Mayor Hesse recognized Mr. Kudla, architect for the repairs of Hurricane Laura. Mr. Kudla came forward and presented plans for the baseball field. Mayor said what he thought the town could afford to do first then the rest would come in stages. Julie Fontenot asked Mr. Kudla about the parking lot and access road. She asked if possible changes could be made. Mayor and Julie Fontenot discussed what changes could be made. Mayor Hesse thanked Mr. Kudla for coming.

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fonteno, to approve June 14, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as written not read. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hesse announced that three bids were received for the replacement of the Sewer Pond Fence. Copies of the three bids were presented to the Council Members. He said that the lowest bid received was from Mizan Fence & Deck Pro, at \$79,000.00. Mayor Hesse said that he would like to get references of this company's past projects. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Joe Becnel to accept and approve the low bid of \$79,000.00 from Mizan Fence & Deck Pro contingent upon a background check. The motion carried unanimously.

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 unanimously.

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.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE IOWA TOWN COUNCIL of Iowa, Louisiana, in general session convened that:

SECTION 1: The attached detailed estimate of Revenues for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an Operating Budget of Revenues for the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, during the same period.

SECTION 2: The attached estimates of Expenditures by departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as a budget of Expenditures for the Town during the said period.

SECTION 3: The adoption of this Operating Budget of Expenditures be and the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

SECTION 4: Amounts are available for expenditures only to the extent included within the 2021 to 2021 budget. Further, it is the intent of this presentation to hereby authorize the Chief Administrative Officer the power to administer these budgets within a margin of plus or minus 5%. Said Ordinance having been introduced on June 14, 2021, the title having been read and a public hearing held on July 21, 2021.

The above ordinance was adopted at a duly convened special meeting, June 21, 2021 on motion by Julie Fontenot, seconded by Vernessa Guillory upon a vote taken as follows:

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

NAYS: Daniel Hennigan

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

WHEREAUPON, the presiding officer declared the above ordinance dully adopted on this 21st day of June, 202.

PAUL HESSE, MAYOR

I certify that the above ordinance was presented to the Mayor by me on the 22nd day of June, 2021.

CYNTHIA MALLETT, TOWN CLERK

I, acknowledge receipt of the above ordinance from the Town Clerk on this 22nd day of June, 2021.

PAUL HESSE, MAYOR

I, hereby approve the above ordinance on this 22nd day of June, 2021.

PAUL HESSE, MAYOR

I certify that the above ordinance was received by me from the Mayor on this 22nd day of June 2021.

CYNTHIA MALLET, TOWN CLERK

**Town of Iowa
Budget 2021-2022**

General Fund

REVENUES:

Taxes	919,867.78
Licenses & Permits	237,700.00
Grant Revenue	429,450.00
Fines & Forfeitures	950,000.00
Investment Earnings	60,000.00
Police Dept.	45,200.00
Transfers	218,291.00

Total Revenues **2,860,508.78**

EXPENDITURES:

Administration	618,800.06
Police	1,733,346.99
Fire	139,075.00
Court Cost	186,704.31
Multi-Purpose Center	58,000.00
Fire Admin	124,582.42

Total Expenditures **2,860,508.78**

NET TOTAL **.00**

SALES TAX – WATER IMPROVEMENT

REVENUES:

Taxes	800,840.64
State Grants	35,000.00
PJ Road & Drainage	170,400.00
LGAP Funds	200,000.00
Investment Earned	70,000.00

Total Revenues **1,276,240.64**

Total Expenditures 1,186,284.99

NET TOTAL 89,955.65

SALES TAX – PARKS & STREETS

REVENUES:

Taxes 200,210.16

Investment Earnings 1,000.00

Other Revenue 54,800.00

Total Revenues 256,010.16

Total Expenditures 247,646.85

NET TOTAL 8,363.31

SALES TAX II STREET DEPARTMENT

REVENUES:

Taxes 650,683.02

Investment Earnings 15,000.00

Prior Yr Cash Approp. 131,529.21

Total Revenues 797,212.23

Total Expenditures 797,212.23

NET TOTAL 0.00

SALES TAX III

REVENUES:

Taxes 500,525.40

PJ Drainage Trust Fnd 109,000.00

Grant Revenue 16,000.00

Investment Earnings 10,000.00

Prior Year cash appr. 226,618.32

Total Revenues 862,143.72

Total Expenditures 862,143.72

NET TOTAL 0.00

CITY WATER WORKS

REVENUES:

Charges for Service 1,219,000.00

Investment Earnings 14,000.00

Prior Yr Cash Approp. 1,768,420.84

Total Revenues 3,001,420.84

EXPENDITURES:

Water Utilities 342,756.03

Overhead Expenditure 233,014.74

Waste Water Maint. 2,175,650.07

Garbage & Trash 250,000.00

Total Expenditures 3,001,420.84

NET TOTAL 0.00

Mayor Hesse announced the town will make a single pass through town picking up debris on the side of the road, except for commercial debris, beginning Friday June 25, 2021. He also announced that he would be meeting with Parish personnel to discuss the culvert program. Mayor announced the Fire Hydrant testing and line flushing will begin again.

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to adjourn meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Paul Hesse, Mayor

Cynthia Mallett, MMC