

Minutes
Special Meeting
115 N. Thomson, Iowa, LA 70647
City Hall Meeting Room
July 19, 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, Julie Fontenot, and Daniel Hennigan; Assistant Town Clerk Kim Guillory; and about 2 citizens. Absent was Vernessa Guillory.

Council Member Joe Becnel said the invocation. 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** Julie Fontenot to adopt agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Joe Becnel to approve minutes of regular meeting 7/12/2021 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hesse announced some properties on the first list of proposed properties for condemnation were given four months and effectively today we have reached the four month limit. Mayor noted that the persons given the four months to repair or demolish the structures were not given official notice to return on a set date and time. He said that going forward this will be corrected.

Mayor asked Officer Crooks to give a status update on the properties that were given the four month extension. Officer Crooks came before the Mayor and Council. Officer Crooks said that in the initial meeting he told the persons to contact him as needed and if they complied, they wouldn't have to come back. Mayor Hesse told Officer Crooks that if they are communicating with you then they don't have to come back but if there is no progress or if you are not happy with what they are doing then that will trigger it and they will have to come back to report to the Council. Mayor Hesse said the four persons that are on the report given by Officer Crooks looks like they are not making progress. Officer Crooks reported he went today to check on all the cases he has on file, to get updates, and the ones that have not made any progress will be given a notice to come to the next meeting.

There was discussion about Mr. Miller's property located at 500 and 502 Railroad. Officer Crooks gave an update on other properties listed on the report presented to the Mayor and Council, 310 W. Third and 410 S. Sherman. He reported that 17 cases have been closed, the property owners demolished the structures.

Mr. Bouquet became present by telephone. Mayor Hesse asked him a question about a particular property being hazardous and if the town could speed up the process. Mr. Bouquet said he would have to look into it before he could answer that question.

310 W. Hwy 90 was discussed. Mayor Hesse reported that the town was interested in having this property assessed as a brownfield property because it is an abandoned gas station. If we can get state funding to have it cleaned up the town may get this property donated or purchase at a reasonable cost to be used for a police emergency communications center.

No further business to discuss, it was moved by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Gerald Guidry to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

Paul Hesse, Mayor

Kimberly Guillory, Assistant Town Clerk