

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Town of Iowa
115 N. Thomson
August 9, 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: Vernessa Guillory, Daniel Hennigan, Joe Becnel, Gerald Guidry and Julie Fontenot; [quorum present]; Chief of Police H. Keith Vincent; Town Attorney Eugene Bouquet(via cell phone); 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** Joe Becnel to adopt agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to approve July 19, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes as written not read. The motion passed unanimously.

Engineer Walt Jessen came before the Mayor and Council to report on Project I-2020-182, Asphalt Paving of Barkley and Helen Street. He recommended the acceptance of the project as completed. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to approve the following Resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11

A RESOLUTION accepting the substantial completion of Project No. I-2020-182, Asphalt Paving of Barkley and Helen Street (RE-BID) for the Town of Iowa, LA, and authorizing the advertising of the lien period.

WHEREAS, R.C. Paving, Inc. has substantially completed its contract with the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, for Project No. I-2020-182, Asphalt Paving of Barkley and Helen Street (RE-BID), Town of Iowa, LA,

WHEREAS, D. W. Jessen & Associates, LLC has informed the Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, that R.C. Paving, Inc. has substantially completed its contract and that the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, should accept the said improvements as substantially complete from the said contractor and assume the maintenance of the same;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF IOWA, LOUISIANA, in regular session convened, that:

SECTION I: All of the above and foregoing provisions are hereby made a part of this resolutory provision; and the Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, the governing authority of the said Town, does hereby accept from the said R.C. Paving, Inc. as substantially completed, the heretofore described substantial completion of Project No. I-2020-182, Asphalt Paving of Barkley and Helen Street (RE-BID),

Town of Iowa, LA, and the Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, does hereby accept said improvements for maintenance.

SECTION 2: The Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, does hereby authorize the running of a legal advertisement notifying lien holders affected, that the final payment will be made at the end of the lien period of forty-five (45) days.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at Iowa, Louisiana, on this the 9th day of August, 2021.

PAUL HESSE, MAYOR
TOWN OF IOWA, LOUISIANA

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE TOWN OF IOWA

Mr. Jessen submitted to the Mayor and Council pay request #2, in the amount of \$6,223.67, from R.C. Paving, Inc. for the Barkley and Helen Street Project. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to pay the requested invoice. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hesse announced the introduction of proposed Ordinance 2021-05, An Ordinance amending Sec. 23-171 of the Town of Iowa Code of Ordinances Noxious weeds-Prohibited; declaration of nuisance. Mayor Hesse read the ordinance and explained that the modification of this ordinance would help to speed up the process of repetitive grass cutting notices to the same property owner.

James Hardy and Charles Ramour were absent. Pat Thibodeaux, Quality Control Supervisor reported on water and sewer activity for the month of July.

Clayton Aymond, Street Supervisor, came forward and reported the activities of street and drainage for the month of July.

Fire Chief Lewis came forward and reported the Iowa Fire Department activities for the month of July.

Police Chief Keith Vincent came forward and gave the activities of the Iowa Police Department for the month of July. Upon the recommendation of Chief Vincent it was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to approve the hiring of Michael Piper effective August 3, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hesse said although the agenda had a motion to approve an increase for I-10 detail from \$40.00 to \$45.00 an hour, the Chief doesn't need an approval by the council to increase this pay rate. It was on the agenda to give notice only.

Chief Vincent requested the council amend the agenda to add a resolution to sell surplus supplies. He said they cleaned out a building that held 8 car cages, 2 old metal filing cabinets, and 1 push bumper. He said they want to sell it as scrap metal and has very little value. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to amend agenda to add a resolution as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to approve the following resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2021-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF IOWA BOARD OF COUNCIL MEMBERS TO DECLARE CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN TO BE SURPLUS TO THE TOWN'S NEEDS AND DIRECTING DISPOSAL OF SAME.

WHEREAS, the Town of Iowa has identified various items of town-owned property as being surplus junk and has determined it to be in the public interest to sale as junk metal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE IOWA TOWN COUNCIL, AS FOLLOWS:1. The following property declared surplus property and junk to the Town of Iowa.

Item	Description	value
8 Car Cages	Police Car Cages	\$10.00
2 Metal File Cabinets	2 Metal File Cabinets (police Dept)	\$ 5.00
1 Push Bumper	Police Car Push Bumper	\$10.00

2. The Town of Iowa hereby deems the above listed property as junk metal and will sell as scrap metal.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana on this 9th day of August, 2021.

Paul Hesse, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cynthia Mallett, Municipal Clerk

Mayor Hesse gave the financial report for the month of July.

Daniel Hennigan gave a report on behalf of the committee formed for the purpose of building an indoor activity center to be financed with the incoming revenue from the federal grant of the COVID-19 Act. There were discussion of possible location.

Mayor announced he authorized the cost of the assessment for the brownfields property for the purpose of the proposed police and emergency communications department.

Mr. John Baily, representing the Pony Baseball League, came forward and asked if there will be a baseball season coming up? He said it is needed by next month. There was discussion about the baseball field and which fields could be used and a timeline of completion for the others. Mayor Hesse said by next meeting a decision will be made as to which fields will be ready and used for the season.

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to adjourn meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

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 September 13, 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 2021-05

An Ordinance Amending Section 23-71 of the Town of Iowa Code of Ordinances

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.