

Minutes
Regular Meeting
115 N. Thomson, Iowa, LA 70647
City Hall Meeting Room
June 8, 2020
7:00 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: Julie Fontenot, Vernessa Guillory, Joe Becnel, and Daniel Hennigan; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; Chief of Police Keith Vincent; Town Attorney Eugene Bouquet; and about 6 citizens. Absent: Council Member Gerald Guidry;

Invocation by Council Member Joe Becnel, followed by Pledge.

Mayor Hesse announced a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to amend agenda to add:

1. Motion to accept the project of Tennis Court Rehabilitation as substantially complete.
2. Motion to pay partial pay Estimate No. 5 to McManus Construction in the amount of \$67,867.98 for the N. Lightner Project
3. Motion to pay Engineer fees in the amount of \$4819.26 for Project I-2018-159

The motion passed unanimously.

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

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan **seconded by** Julie Fontenot, to approve June 3, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes as written not read. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. _Mr. Walt Jessen, Engineer, gave a report of the North Lightner Avenue Drainage Improvement Project. He stated that he performed the final walk through and everything on the punch list were met.
2. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to approve Resolution No. 2020-05 A Resolution accepting the substantial completion of Project No. I-2018-159, North Lightner Avenue Drainage Improvements from David Street North to Lateral L-14 for the Town of Iowa, LA, and authorizing the advertising of the lien period. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Landry addressed the Mayor and Council about drainage issues on Sherman Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-05

A RESOLUTION accepting the substantial completion of Project No. 1-2018-159, North Lightner Avenue Drainage Improvements from David Street North to Lateral L-14 for the Town of Iowa, LA, and authorizing the advertising of the lien period.

WHEREAS, McManus Construction, LLC has substantially completed its contract with the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, for Project No. 1-2018-159, North Lightner Avenue Drainage Improvements from David Street North to Lateral L-14, Town of Iowa, LA,

WHEREAS, D. W. Jessen & Associates, LLC has informed the Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, that McManus Construction, LLC 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 1: All of the above and foregoing provisions are hereby made a part of this resolution provision; and the Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, the governing authority of the said Town, does hereby accept from the said McManus Construction, LLC as substantially completed, the heretofore described substantial completion of Project No. 1-2018-159, North Lightner Avenue Drainage Improvements from David Street North to Lateral L-14, 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 8th day of June, 2020.

PAUL HESSE, MAYOR TOWN OF IOWA, LOUISIANA

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE TOWN OF IOWA

3. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to pay partial pay Estimate No. 5 to McManus Construction for \$67,867.98. The motion passed unanimously.
4. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Joe Becnel to pay invoice for engineer fees in the amount of \$4,819.26 for Project I-2018-159. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Architect Jeff Kudla announced that the tennis courts are completed and he requested the council to accept the tennis court project as substantially complete. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to accept the tennis court project as substantially complete. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Hesse asked Mr. Kudla about giving an estimate of cost to refurbish older baseball fields and/or cost of new quad-plex field. Mr. Kudla said that a feasibility study would need to be done to determine the costs. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to hire Mr. Kudla to do a feasibility study for Baseball Field Project. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Water and Sewer Supervisor James Hardy gave his monthly report of activities.
7. Street and Drainage Maintenance Supervisor Clayton Aymond gave his monthly report of activities.
8. Chief Lewis was not present to present report/updates. His report was delivered to the council on paper.

9. Chief of Police Vincent came forward and gave his monthly report of activities.
10. Upon the recommendation of Chief of Police, it was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to hire Christopher Piper effective June 4, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.
11. Upon the recommendation of Chief of Police, it was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to promote Brandon Crooks from Corporal to Senior Corporal.
12. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to promote Rodney Daigle from Corporeal to Senior Corporeal. The motion passed unanimously.
13. Mayor Hesse gave the financial report.
14. Council Member Julie Fontenot asked if there has been any talk of widening certain roads in town. Mayor Hesse said nothing has been discussed about widening roads at this time. Mr. Landry came forward and asked about the mobile home ordinance dating back to May 2019 meeting. He stated that the Mobile Home Park on Sherman was not in compliance. Chief Vincent stated he would send someone to address it.
15. No further business to discuss, it was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Paul Hesse, Mayor

Cynthia Mallett, MMC