

Minutes
Town of Iowa
Regular Meeting
115 N. Thomson
November 14, 2016
7:00 p.m.

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

Present: Mayor Carol Ponthieux; Council Members: Julie Fontenot, Larry Hardy, Thomas Talbot, Gerald Guidry (quorum present)

Absent: Errol Marshall

Invocation given by Mayor Ponthieux; followed by Pledge.

Talbot motioned to approve the minutes of October 10, 2016 as written; Guidry seconded. Motion carried.
Talbot motioned to approve the minutes of October 25, 2016 as written; Guidry seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda Items

1. Bid opening – receive and open bids for one 2009 Ford F150 – min. bid \$3800 –

Bids received: \$4,189.54 B&L Truck and Auto
\$4,386.52 B&L Truck and Auto
\$8,500.00 Michael Reynolds
\$3,800.00 Bryson Torres
\$4,052.53 Christopher Moore
\$4,051.00 Kenneth Savant

Talbot, motioned to accept the high bid from Michael Reynolds; Hardy seconded. Motion carried.

2. David Brossett, architect – authorize advertisement for bids for public restroom construction and authorize Mayor to accept lowest bid at bid opening. Plans and specs ready to advertise. Talbot motioned to move forward with advertising and authorize Mayor to accept lowest bid upon review for compliance; Hardy seconded. Motion carried.

3. Discussion Veteran's Memorial and grants – Fontenot met with architect and presented some of her thoughts. Have two individuals to assist her in writing and applying for grants. Architect suggested a meandering path. Fontenot's thoughts were to place several parking spaces and then proposed having the memorial there. In center have a large flag pole and five smaller flags representing each branch of the military. Space reserved for placing bricks purchased for naming individuals. Mayor mentioned having pathway wide enough for two to three people able to walk side by side. Six laps will equal one mile. As far as the grants, this path is basically for the senior citizens. Fontenot asked if possibility of asking for funding from Christus St. Pat's. Security was discussed especially the usage of camera system. It will be determined by the bid contractor as to what they install. Ms. Fontenot received an affirmative in seeking grants for this project.

Comment: Caesar said the brick idea was a good suggestion and allows families to remember their loved ones.

4. Fire Dept. Report – update, reports – Debbie Muir, Board Member presented the report for the month giving training update and community involvement action. The Fire Department conducted fire prevention program at the Elementary School and Daycares. PIAL is coming up for 2017 and an extension has been requested. Hydrant testing is continuing and should wrap up shortly after Thanksgiving. Repair orders are being addressed by Public Works. December 9th is the Firehouse Christmas Party.

5. Engineer's Report – recommendations, updates, reports - On current projects: Proj. I-2015-114 Pipe Bursting recommend for payment PPE#1 to PM Construction in the amount of \$135,819.00. Appears we are going to underrun the original bid by approximately \$10,000. Talbot motioned to approve payment; Fontenot seconded. Motion carried. Hardy motioned; Talbot seconded to advertise for clear lien certificate. Motion carried.

Proj. I-2016-129 Nitrification Chamber recommend PPE#1 and final to Blake D. Hines in the amount of \$24,025 for payment. Talbot motioned to approve payment; Guidry seconded. Motion carried.

Proj. I-2014-106 N. Kinney drainage recommend PPE#2 to R.D. Spell in the amount of \$16,200. Contractor is progressing and job should be complete by Feb. of next year. Talbot motioned to approve payment; Hardy seconded. Motion carried. West Miller sidewalk project has begun. Asphalt & Assoc is the contractor.

a. Request for annexation into Iowa Corporate limits [proposed subdivision, Garren's Ridge] – petition needs to be presented and then certified by Assessor and certified by registrar of voters. Jessen says he will have developer/property owner contact Mr. Bouquet. Also must present to the Parish as they have a right to object. Once all in order then an ordinance would need to be drafted and presented.

Public comments: Caesar wants to know where located and the size of this proposed subdivision. Southeast side of Town. Size is approximate 74 acres. Lapearous: glad to see growth in the Town. Town needs to consider raising sewer assessment going into Sewer District 1. Because we'll have larger costs in the future and now is the time to consider it.

b. preliminary draft on proposed development [Celebration Estates] W. Hwy. 90 – are just presenting initial concept and for any comments. If Town has any concerns, then now is the time to voice them. Taking care of pond needs to be clarified and addressed as to who will maintain. Drainage Board needs to be involved and ok with drainage suggested. Connections of the new streets to Hwy 90 W must be reviewed by DOTD. Access points are being limited. Bebee wants to see everything raised – streets, etc. not just the house pads. Mayor has concerns with entrances and exits. Talbot wants to know about the original proposed subdivision at this location. Did the owner abandon that earlier proposed subdivision? Guidry wants to know about the oxidation pond and how will it be effected. Jessen stated one of thing the Town has done is that it has not opened the doorway to outside developers for properties outside our area. Currently our records are good which indicates our capacity is good. As of this moment, we are blessed to have a pond less expensive to maintain that what is out there on the market. How much can we take – do not know at this point. Same thing with water. Bebee, if we can stop infiltration that will help tremendously. The pond will be great. Mayor says we're looking at 260 lots proposed plus the current at Ashridge and Garden Terrace. Again Mayor stresses her concerns of getting in and out from Hwy. 90. This will have to go to DOTD for approval. Bebee says we need to take into consideration when you build up an area such as this proposed area then you're going to move water elsewhere. Drainage needs to be heavily considered. Parish is currently engaging all in the parish with drainage concerns and working toward all getting on the same page.

6. Police Dept. – updates, reminder, reports, and transfers – Chief Vincent presented his stats for the month.

a. Gloria Ramirez from part-time dispatcher to full time

b. Kristi Juarez will relinquish her duties as Communication Supervisor to begin handling Secretary to the Chief duties as well as her regular duties

c. Andy Mayer promoted to Communications Supervisor

d. Czarevna Christian (C.C.) promoted to Assistance Communications supervisor

Talbot motioned to approve all the recommendations and job assignments presented by Chief Vincent; Hardy seconded. Motion carried

Council Comments:

Fontenot – states Progressive has not picked up all curbside trash. Company has been contacted. Mr. Bouquet stated to document and place this in the official minutes of record. Fontenot said she spoke with their office and was told the procedure – drivers turn in an address where the second truck needs to come and pick up. Mayor says Town will make a pass tomorrow and provide the addresses.

Talbot – remind everyone to support our local athletic players.

Bouquet – it has been brought to the attention of the Council that Waste Solutions has not finished the work which they were contracted to do.

There being no further business; Talbot motioned to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.; Hardy seconded. Motion carried.

ATTEST

Sandra Turley, MC

Carol Ponthieux, Mayor