

**Minutes  
Town of Iowa  
Special Meeting  
115 N. Thomson  
January 31, 2018  
6:00 PM**

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

Present: Council Members: Julie Fontenot, Tommy Talbot, Errol Marshall, Gerald Guidry (quorum present).

Absent: Larry Hardy

Invocation and Pledge given by Mayor

**Agenda Items**

1. Discussion regarding potential property expansion - Lt. Thomas speaking for Chief Vincent read aloud Chief Vincent's letter for support of purchasing the Capital One building for Police Department located at the intersection of E. First St. and S. Thomson Ave.

Calvin Caesar spoke in agreement.

Mayor stated Stirling Properties presented a flyer to us with the outline of basic structure and the demographics of the location. If the Town desires, Stirling asked us to submit letter of intent showing our interest in purchasing. This is the first step in the process.

Talbot asked if we needed to send deposit. Bouquet's response, No.

Fontenot inquired if Chief Vincent did a walk through the building and are there renovations needed? Thomas responded yes and that the building with retrofitting would meet their needs. As to the renovation cost, no estimate as of right now.

Marshall asked if this Capital One purchase moves forward, would this affect city hall renovations. Mayor responds with yes. The lobby and payment receipt area would still need revamping for several reasons. Mayor explained how the employees have increased in the last 7 years. This increase has made us run out of storage room and there are some safety issues.

Talbot asked what our next move is. Bouquet stated that it is required to have an appraisal by state law and our response is contingent upon that appraisal. Bouquet then reviewed the Letter of Intent with the Council.

Marshall motioned to move forward with letter of intent to purchase, contingent upon appraisal also giving Mayor's approval to sign. Talbot seconded. Motion carried.

Bouquet stated for the Mayor to write contingent upon appraisal above Mayor's name on the Letter of Intent.

Marshall motioned to adjourn at 6:22 pm. Talbot seconded Motion carried.

**ATTEST:**

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Elsie Lane, Asst. Clerk

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Carol Ponthieux, Mayor