

Minutes
Regular Meeting
115 N. Thomson, Iowa, LA 70647
City Hall Meeting Room
August 10, 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, Gerald Guidry, and Daniel Hennigan; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; Chief of Police Keith Vincent; Fire Chief Joseph Lewis; Town Attorney Eugene Bouquet; and about 4 citizens.

Invocation by Council Member Joe Becnel, followed by Pledge.

Mayor Hesse announced a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory, to approve July13, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as written not read. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Joe Becnel to approve a Class A, Retail-Consumable Low and High alcohol content Beer/Liquor Permit to Noor Ali Lanlani d/b/a Zarape Taco Shop located at 617 N. Thomson Avenue, Ste B, Iowa, LA 70647, and to allow a waiver of distance, as in reference to Section 5-39 (a) of the Town of Iowa Code of Ordinances; and said alcoholic beverages of low/high alcoholic content can be sold/consumed only when there are not any dances or sporting activities sponsored by Iowa High School or organizations associated with Iowa High School. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Walt Jessen, Engineer, reported the Piping manifold improvements, Project I-2016-133, at Iowa Water Plant project was substantially complete. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Vernessa to accept the Piping manifold improvements, Project I-2016-133, at Iowa Water Plant project as substantially complete. The motion passed unanimously.
Mr. Jessen recommended the council approve the final payment on the project to R. Cloud Construction in the amount of \$79,824.96. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to approve final payment to R. Cloud Construction in the amount of \$79,824.96. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Jessen recommended the council approve the final payment of \$33,771.89 to McManus Construction for the N. Lightner Avenue Drainage Improvements. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to pay the final payment to McManus Construction for the N. Lightner Avenue Drainage Improvements. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Jessen recommended the council approve the final payment to D. W. Jessen & Associates for the N. Lightner Drainage Improvements project of \$42.25. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to pay the final payment to D.W. Jessen & Associates for the N. Lightner Drainage Improvements project of \$42.25. The motion passed unanimously.
1. Water and Sewer Supervisor James Hardy gave his monthly report of activities.
2. Street and Drainage Maintenance Supervisor Clayton Aymond gave his monthly report of activities.
3. Chief Lewis gave his monthly report of activities.

4. Chief of Police Keith Vincent came forward and gave his monthly report of activities. (a) It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to hire D'ana Jean as Police Dispatcher, effective July 27, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Mayor Hesse announced that the Town of Iowa Fire District 1 Ward 8 board member resigned and will need to be replaced. Mayor gave the names of three persons: Debbie Muir, Julie Vincent, and Adrien Guillot. Mrs. Muir came forward and asked the council to consider her as the replacement. Chairman of the fire board, Phil Mallett, came forward and told the council members that he was fine with whomever they would choose. Mr. Kenneth, a member of the fire board came forward and said he thought it would be a good idea to keep the board diversified. He said that there are a few that are firefighters serving on the board and diversification would be a good idea to add one that would not be a firefighter. After discussion, it was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **Seconded by** Joe Becnel to appoint Debbie Muir as the Fire Board Member. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Mayor Hesse announced that the following proposed Ordinance will make the present 2 way stop, a 3 way stop at Ash Ridge Subdivision. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **Seconded by** Julie Fontenot to introduce Ordinance No. 2020-03, An Ordinance to amend Section 47-9 Subpart (B) to add another intersection stop sign, yield signs. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Mayor Hesse read the title of Ordinance No 2020-04, An Ordinance requiring a permit for use of municipal property for business operations in the Town of Iowa requiring the provision of certain information prior to issuance of such permit; and otherwise providing with respect thereto, and he explained that this ordinance is needed to protect the right of ways throughout town when companies come in to do work on town right of way. It was introduced unanimously.
8. Mayor Hesse gave the financial report.
9. Mayor Hesse announced that a special meeting will be held August 24, 2020 at 7:00 for the purpose of a public hearing and adoption of the roll forward of millage rates for 2020. Mr. Kenneth Landry came forward and reported that the non-compliance with mobile home park on Sherman Street has not been resolved. Mayor Hesse said that it would be looked into by the ordinance officer. Council Member Julie Fontenot asked if the RV Park by McDonalds could be checked on. She said the grass was over grown. Mrs. Debbie Muir thanked the council for electing her to the fire board.
10. 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 8:00 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 14, 2020 at seven (7:00) 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 2020-03

An Ordinance to amend Section 47-9 Subpart (B) to add another intersection stop sign, yield signs.

AND

Ordinance 2020-04

An Ordinance requiring a permit for use of municipal property for business operations in the Town of Iowa requiring the provision of certain information prior to issuance of such permit; and otherwise providing with respect thereto

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.