

**Regular Meeting  
Town of Iowa  
115 N. Thomson  
September 12, 2016  
7:00 PM**

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, Thomas Talbot, Errol Marshall, Gerald Guidry (quorum present)

Larry Hardy- Absent

Invocation given by Mayor Ponthieux, and then followed by Pledge.

Marshall motioned to approve the minutes of August 8, 2016 as written; Guidry seconded. Motion carried.

**Agenda Items**

1. Open bids for obsolete equipment- 2006 Ford CV- 1 bid, \$515.00- Rosa Carpenter, 2300 E. Armand, Lake Charles, La 70611. Talbot motions to accept bid, Marshall seconded. Motion carried.

2. C.J. Benoit representing Southern Solid Waste introduced his company. Cheyenne Boudreaux, the owner of the company, addressed the Council about their company. States that they have a live person to answer phone 24 hours a day. They are looking to hire local people. The company is located within 10.8 miles. All routes will be kept the same unless find more efficient way. They have a contract with Cameron parish. They have had a 48% growth in past 5 years. They have vast experience in hurricane recovery. Mayor Ponthieux states that we have had four request for RFP.

3. Iowa Volunteer Fire Department- Fire Chief presents stats and updates- Chief Miller presented the department stats in the month of August which included thirty three (33) hours of training and 12 incidents responded too. They have participated in the National Night Out, IPD Football Camp, Flood Victims Relief Drive, and Iowa Arts & Crafts Event.

4. Call for election regarding Sales Tax I-

Mayor Ponthieux gave a preliminary explanation of the process the Town is now engaged in regarding borrowing \$12 million dollars to rehab the sewer system. Comptroller Paul Hesse and I have gone through the facts and figures related to loan application. Right now our citizen's pay \$60.17 a month for water, sewer, and garbage. Current sewer rate is \$24. USDA offers forty year loan and DEQ offers twenty year loan. If we go with the USDA loan over 40 year time period that increase in our sewer rate would jump up considerably. DEQ 20 year loan would also see significant sewer rate increase. It is important that we leverage the money we have that we collect and with sales tax 1 that is where we collect the most money. Right now Resolution 2016-14 is a Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, on December 10, 2016 to amend, supplement and revise the current dedication of a 1% sales and use tax for capital and other improvements to the Town's waterworks, streets and park systems, to include sewer and wastewater systems, to make the tax perpetual and to fund the tax into debt. Water is not the area where we have a critical need. The issue is the sewer. We are saying in perpetuity because in another 10 years we do not want to pay another \$4000 to hold another tax renewal. If we go with a 40 year loan we would have to do this 4 times. Julie Fontenot asks "So if this tax does not pass, how we will fund this project? Mayor Ponthieux states the customers would have to bear the cost of it. Not allowing the change in the use of this 1% sales tax would mean the customer having to repay the loan through sewer user fee. It could potentially mean a utility bill increasing from about \$60 to \$120 per month. Errol Marshall stated this is not a new tax but rather a rewrite as to how this sales tax revenue can be used. Mayor Ponthieux agreed it is not new we are assessing ourselves already. We are essentially adding sewer to Sales Tax I. Paul Hesse states that we are trying to free up this fund for other critical purposes. The Town needs to support this for the bond issue, as critical coverage. We can use this as collateral. Mr.

Delafield states that the USDA is the only entity that offers 40 year financing. It is imperative, for 40 year financing, that you have that tax become perpetual in nature and the truth is you can't live without the sales tax. You have to have the revenue so you might as well make it perpetual.

Public comment: Jerry Lapearous inquires if he understands right, the tax now is 80% water and 20% to parks and streets; it will be changed where it can be used for anything and everything, sewer, water, flood and whatever? Mayor answered wherever the need is. Lapearous inquired about having rates to cover loan. Mayor responded she is hoping the citizens will pass the rephrasing of the sales tax. Jerry, now we are amending it? Mayor answers correct. Lapearous stated in essence this tax will stand as collateral for that loan, it will have to be paid one way or another? Mayor answers correct, either through user fees or through some other assessments. Hesse responded Sales tax is used for collateral as a guarantee so we do not have to raise rates or raise substantially higher. Without supplementation, your bill could double. This is a projection of worst case scenario with rates going up. Mayor responded we want to unencumber ourselves to meet needs of the town.

- a. Resolution 2016-14 calling a special election to amend Sales Tax I. Talbot motioned to call for a special election; Marshall seconded. Motion carried

The Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, met in regular public session at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on September 12, 2016, at the regular meeting place of the Town Council, Iowa City Hall, 115 South Thomson, Iowa, Louisiana, and the following members present:

Julie Fontenot, Errol Marshall, Thomas Talbot, Gerald Guidry

ABSENT: Larry Hardy

The meeting was called to order and the roll called with the above result.

Thereupon, the following resolution was offered by Thomas Talbot and seconded by Errol Marshall, was approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Talbot, Marshall, Fontenot, Guidry

NAYS: none

#### **RESOLUTION 2016- 14**

A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE TOWN OF IOWA, LOUISIANA, ON DECEMBER 10, 2016, TO AMEND, SUPPLEMENT AND REVISE THE CURRENT DEDICATION OF A 1% SALES AND USE TAX FOR CAPITAL AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWN'S WATERWORKS, STREETS AND PARK SYSTEMS, TO INCLUDE SEWER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, TO MAKE THE TAX PERPETUAL, AND TO FUND THE TAX INTO DEBT.

WHEREAS, the sewer and waste water systems of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana (the "Town") are in substantial need of additions, renovations, modifications and extensions the costs of which will require borrowing funds from entities which are willing to lend same to the Town (the

“Project”);

WHEREAS, the Town’s Municipal Advisor, Government Consultants, Inc., of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, has advised the Town the most economic and efficient means of borrowing funds, given the Town’s limited resources, is to finance the Project for a term of not less than twenty (20) years nor more than forty (40) years;

WHEREAS, it has been recommended by the Town’s Municipal Advisor that the Town utilize its sales tax avails to finance the Project, in order to minimize any economic hardship imposed upon the Town’s residents of an onerous increase in sewer user fees, however, the Town’s sales tax levies do not exceed ten (10) years in duration;

WHEREAS, as a result of the foregoing, the Town’s Municipal Advisor has recommended the Town consider re-authorizing Sales Tax No. 1 in perpetuity which would permit a pledge and dedication of avails of Sales Tax No. 1 to a maturity of not less than twenty (20) Years nor more than forty (40) years;

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and desirable by the Mayor and Town Council, governing authority of the Town, that an election be called to permit the electorate of the Town to consider a proposition authorizing an amendment, supplement and revision of and to the current dedication of Sales Tax No. 1 of the Town, being a 1% sales and use tax approved by the Town’s electorate at a special election held within the Town on November 21, 2015;

WHEREAS, an election is therefor called to permit the electorate of the Town to consider a proposition authorizing an amendment, supplement and revision to Sales Tax Proposition No. 1, originally approved on November 21, 2015, authorizing the sales and use taxes approved therein to be levied in perpetuity and with net proceeds of the Tax to be dedicated and used for the following purposes: (1) capital and other improvements to the Town’s waterworks, sewer and wastewater systems; (2) keeping in repair the Town’s streets and further improvements to the Town’s park system; and (3) other lawful expenditures of the Town, including economic development; and the ability to fund avails of the Tax into debt;

WHEREAS, at the election to be held on December 10, 2016, there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the Town a Sales Tax Proposition No. 1 for a period in perpetuity beginning April 1, 2017, upon the sale at retail, use, lease or rental, consumption and storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services within the Town with the avails of said tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the tax) dedicated and used within the Town for capital and other improvements to the Town’s (1) water works, sewer and wastewater systems; (2) keeping in repair the Town’s streets and further improvements to the Town’s park system; and (3) other lawful expenditures of the Town, including economic development; and the ability to fund avails of the Tax into debt;

WHEREAS, authority for levy and collection of such taxes for such purposes is granted by Article VI, Section 33 and Article VI, Sections 29(A) and 29(B) of the Constitution of 1974 of the State of Louisiana, Chapter 2-D of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, in particular, La. R.S. 47:338.1, *et seq.*, and all other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto,

provided the tax shall be levied by ordinance or resolution of the Town and the imposition of such taxes shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the Town at an election to be conducted in accordance with the general election laws of the State of Louisiana, and the majority of those voting in said election shall have voted in favor of the adoption of such taxes;

WHEREAS, in compliance with Act No. 267 of 2013, notice of intention to call an election for submittal of a proposition for levy of the sales and use taxes as herein provided was announced to the public during the course of its August 8, 2016 public meeting, and published on August 8, 2016, in *Lake Charles American Press*, the official journal of the Town, and actual notice was transmitted by email to each state senator and representative in whose district all or a portion of the Town of Iowa is located; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to provide for holding an election at which a proposition for levy of such tax, as described above, may be submitted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council, governing authority of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana ("Town"):

SECTION 1. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Sections 29(A) and 29(B) of the Constitution of 1974 of the State of Louisiana, and of Chapter 2-D of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, in particular, R.S. 47:338.1, *et seq.*, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, a special election be and is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, on **Saturday, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016**, between the hours of seven (7:00) o'clock a.m. and eight (8:00) o'clock p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 1181 of Title 18 and of Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and that at said special election there be submitted to all the qualified electors of the City entitled and qualified to vote at said election under the Constitution and laws of the United States, the following propositions:

#### **SALES TAX PROPOSITION**

Shall the Town of Iowa, Louisiana (the "Town") be authorized to continue to levy and collect a sales and use tax of one percent (1%) (the "Tax") in perpetuity beginning January 1, 2017, in lieu of the Sales and Use Tax No.1 approved by the Town's electorate on November 21, 2015, upon the sale at retail, use, lease or rental, consumption and storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services within the Town, all as presently or hereafter defined in La. R.S. 47:301 to 47:317, inclusive, with collections from levy of the Tax estimated to be \$650,000 for one entire year, with net proceeds of the Tax to be dedicated and used for the following purposes: (1) capital and other improvements to the Town's water works, sewer and wastewater systems; (2) keeping in repair the Town's streets and further improvements to the Town's park system; and (3) other lawful expenditures of the Town, including economic development; and the ability to fund avails of the Tax into debt?

SECTION 2. The polling places set forth in the Notice to Voters of Special Tax Election in Exhibit A hereto, be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold such election.

SECTION 3. Officers designated or such substitutes as may be selected, designated and sworn in compliance with Sections 1286 through 1289 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, shall hold the said election substantially in accordance with the general election laws of the State of Louisiana, except that the election is called and shall be conducted, canvassed, and promulgated, and notice thereof given in accordance with the procedures set forth in Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended. Said election officers shall make due returns of said election at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Iowa City Hall, 115 South Thomson Avenue, Iowa, Louisiana, on **Monday, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017, at 7:00 o'clock p.m.**, at which time said Town Council will, then and there, in open and public session, examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of said special election. The compensation of election officials be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum as specified in Sections 424 and 425 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended. Assessed valuations shall not be voted in this election, and all qualified electors of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, are entitled to vote therein. Voting machines shall be used in this election, and voters shall not be required to sign a ballot or vote assessed valuation of property. The permanent registration law of the State of Louisiana being in force in Calcasieu Parish, said election shall be conducted in accordance with applicable provisions thereof.

SECTION 4. The Town Clerk is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to publish, entirely separate and apart from any publication which may be made of this resolution, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication not less than forty-five days nor more than ninety days before the date of the election, in the *Lake Charles American Press*, a newspaper published in Lake Charles, Louisiana, and having general circulation in Calcasieu Parish and in the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, a Notice to Voters of Special Tax Election, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

SECTION 5. The Town Clerk be and she is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for furnishing said election officers, in ample time for holding of said election the necessary equipment, forms and other election paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election.

SECTION 6. Application is hereby formally made to the State Bond Commission, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 2, Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and in compliance with Article VI, Sections 29(A) of the Constitution of 1974 of the State of Louisiana, and other Constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, for consent, approval and authority to hold the aforesaid election in the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, under the provisions of Article VI, Sections 29(A) and 29(B) of the Constitution of 1974 of the State of Louisiana, and of Chapter 2-D of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, in particular, La. R.S. 47:338.1, *et seq.*, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, and in the event such election carries, for its consent and authority to levy and collect the sales and use taxes therein provided. The Town Clerk is empowered, authorized and requested to forward to the State Bond Commission a certified copy of this resolution which shall constitute a formal application to said Commission as herein provided.

SECTION 7. Certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Custodian of Voting Machines in and for the Parish of Calcasieu, and the Registrar of Voters, as notification of the special election herein called in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as authorized and required by law.

SECTION 8. All resolutions, ordinances, or orders in conflict herewith, be, to the extent of such conflict, and they are hereby repealed.

ATTEST:

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CAROL PONTHEUX, Mayor

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SANDRA TURLEY, Clerk

(Other business not pertinent to the present excerpt may be found of record in the official minutes.)

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried the meeting was adjourned.

- b. Resolution 2016-15- Authorizing publication of notice of geographic Town limits. Talbot motioned for publication; Marshall seconded. Motion carried.

The Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, met in regular public session at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on September 12, 2016, at the regular meeting place of the Town Council, Iowa City Hall, 115 North Thomson, Iowa, Louisiana, and the following members present:

Julie Fontenot, Errol Marshall, Thomas Talbot, Gerald Guidry

ABSENT: Larry Hardy

The meeting was called to order and the roll called with the above result.

Thereupon, the following resolution was offered by Thomas Talbot and seconded by Errol Marshall, was approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Talbot, Marshall, Fontenot, Guidry

NAYS: none

#### **RESOLUTION 2016- 15**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE DESCRIBING THE GEOGRAPHIC LIMITS THE TOWN OF IOWA, LOUISIANA

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, as follows:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ adopted by the Town Council March 29, 2001, as revised August 3, 2011 to correct a typographical error, amending the boundaries of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

SECTION 2. The Town Clerk is empowered, authorized and requested to cause to be published a public notice describing the geographic limits of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, said publication to be made in the *Lake Charles American Press*, in the same edition as the Notice to Voters is published, pertaining to the special tax election authorized for the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, by resolution

adopted this date.

Adopted and approved on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

ATTEST:

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CAROL PONTHEUX, Mayor

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SANDRA TURLEY, Clerk

(Other business not pertinent to the present excerpt may be found of record in the official minutes.)

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

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CAROL PONTHEUX, Mayor

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SANDRA TURLEY, Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE  
OF  
GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF THE  
TOWN OF IOWA, LOUISIANA

Begin at the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4 of NW/4) of Section 31, Township 9 South, Range 6 West, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana;

Thence North along the West line of said Section 31 and along the West line of Section 30 of said Township 9 South, Range 6 West to the Northwest corner of said Section 30;

Thence East along the North line of said Section 30 to the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE/4 of NW/4) of said Section 30;

Thence North along the West line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW/4 of SE/4) of Section 19, said Township 9 South, Range 6 West, to the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW/4 of SE/4) of said Section 19;

Thence East along the North line of the South Half of the South Half (S/2 of S/2) of said Section 19, a distance of 60.0 feet;

Thence N 00° 31' 37" E 321.88 feet;

Thence N 86° 10' 20" E 1666.17 feet;

Thence N 45° 32' 21" E 558.53 feet;

Thence N 12° 52' 38" W 122.19 feet;

Thence N 36° 27' 32" W 200.31 feet;

Thence N 00° 19' 33" E 450.0 feet;

Thence S 89° 54' 43" E 203.4 feet;

Thence N 00° 19' 33" E 2184.38 feet;

Thence S 89° 40' 27" E 480.0 feet to the West line of Section 20, said Township 9 South, Range 6 West;

Thence S 00° 19' 33" W 1179.52 feet along the West line of said Section 20; Thence S 89° 40' 27" E 480.0 feet;

Thence S 07° 50' 20" E 1267.38 feet;

Thence S 00° 24' 08" W 510.0 feet;

Thence S 38° 24' 39" E 256.77 feet;

Thence N 85° 54' 07" E 1454.2 feet;

Thence N 00° 10' 30" W 1896.49 feet;

Thence N 87° 40' 42" E 408.0 feet;

Thence N 89° 29' 18" E 2685.53 feet to the East line of said Section 20;

Thence S 00° 04' 33" W 2185.74 feet along the East line of said Section 20 to the North right-of-way line of Interstate Highway No. 10;

Thence along the North right-of-way line of Interstate Highway No. 10 to a point, said point being S 88° 15' 06" W 754.15 feet from the intersection of the East line of said Section 20 and the North right-of-way line of Interstate Highway No. 10;

Thence S 84° 53' 27" W 2338.43 feet along the North right-of-way line of Interstate Highway No. 10;

Thence S 00° 10' 00" W 300 feet, more or less, to the North line of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE/4 of SW/4) of said Section 20;

Thence East along the North line of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE/4 of SW/4) of said Section 20 to the West line of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W/2 of SE/4) of said Section 20;

Thence North along the West line of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W/2 of SE/4) of said Section 20 to the South right-of-way line of Interstate Highway No. 10;

Thence East along the South right-of-way line of Interstate Highway No. 10 to the East line of said Section 20;

Thence South along the East line of said Section 20 and along the East line of Section 29 and Section 32 of said Township 9 South, Range 6 West, to the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4 of NE/4) of said Section 32;

Thence West along the South line of the North Half of the North Half (N/2 of N/2) of said Section 32 to the East line of Gregg Park Addition, per plat bearing File No. 1766421 filed in Plat Book 31 at Page 148, records of said Calcasieu Parish;

Thence South along the East line of said Gregg Park Addition to the Southeast corner of said Gregg Park Addition;

Thence West along the South line of said Gregg Park Addition to the East line of Kinney Street (Avenue);

Thence North along the East line of Kinney Street (Avenue) to the point of intersection with the Easterly prolongation of the South line of Block 10 of the Norris Subdivision per plat bearing File No. 814299 filed in Plat Book 12 at Page 38;

Thence West along the Easterly prolongation of the South line and along the South line and along the Westerly prolongation of the South line of said Block 10 to the intersection with the East line of said Section 31;

Thence North along the East line of said Section 31 to the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4 of NE/4) of said Section 31;

Thence West along the South line of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4 of NE/4) of said Section 31, a distance of 30.0 feet to the West right-of-way line of South Thomson Avenue;

Thence South along the West right-of-way line of South Thomson Avenue 60.0 feet;

Thence N 89° 08' 36" W 152.21 feet, more or less, to the Northeast corner of Lot 14 of the Southland Estates Subdivision, per plat bearing Clerk's File No. 2419223, and recorded in Plat Book 36 at Page 11, Records of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana;

Thence S 00° 10' 10" E 181.34 feet;

Thence S 89° 29' 35" E 152.19 feet to the West right-of-way line of South Thomson Avenue;

Thence S 00° 10' 10" E 836.96 feet along the West right-of-way line of South Thomson Avenue to the Southeast corner of Lot 7 of said Southland Estates Subdivision;

Thence N 59° 33' 48" W 476.86 feet (Note: With the exception of the first 78.62 feet, this line is approximately parallel to and 15 feet perpendicular to a 16' Louisiana Gas Pipeline and approximates the North right-of-way line of said pipeline);

Thence N 61° 22' 40" W 1004.47 feet, parallel to and 15 feet Northeast of said pipeline;

Thence N 61° 40' 46" W, parallel to and 15 feet Northeast of said pipeline to the intersection with the South line of North Half of the North Half (N/2 of N/2) of said Section 31;

Thence West along the South line of the North Half of the North Half (N/2 of N/2) of said Section 31 to the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4 of NW/4) of said Section 31 and the Point of Beginning.

5. Engineer- Updates, reports, recommendations- Kinney Avenue drainage project starting soon. Pipe bursting project all documents have been executed. No date for pre-construction set. Nitrification chamber project working to issue Notice to Proceed. The West Miller and Third St. sidewalk projects contractor is Asphalt & Assoc. Notice to Proceed to be issued. Rain has caused a delay in start dates. John Dale Lift Station Upgrade asking for partial payment estimate No. 8 [retainage] in the amount of \$39,631.04. Sent Mr. Richard Minvielle a letter on August 24, 2016. All invoices have gone through Mr. Minvielle and Jessen recommends payment subject to Minvielle's approval. Talbot motioned to pay upon Mr. Jessen's recommendation; Guidry seconded. Motion carried

a. Ralph Foreman present sewer plat/right – Foreman not present. Bring it to the next meeting

6. Resolution 2016-16 Audit Compliance Questionnaire- Marshall motioned to accept Resolution 2016-16; Talbot seconded. Motion carried

#### **RESOLUTION 2016 - 16**

##### **A resolution to adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire was received from the Office of the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and was properly completed by the Clerk of the Town of Iowa and presented to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Iowa in the same as hereby approved and adopted.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of said Compliance Questionnaire be filed in the records of the Town of Iowa and further, that a completed copy of the Resolution be forwarded to McElroy, Quirk, & Burch, the auditing firm engaged by the Town of Iowa to test the accuracy of the answers to questionnaire and submit to the Town of Iowa and the Legislative Auditor their opinion and validity of the answers therein contained.

This Resolution is declared adopted on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016.

7. Resolution 2016-17- authorize application to LGAP and CWEF grants FY17-18- allowing Mayor to apply and sign. Talbot motioned to approve; Guidry seconded. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-17**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA  
UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
AND  
COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Office of Community Development has announced that applications are being accepted for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP); and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Assistance Program offers grants to eligible municipalities and parishes for a wide range of projects to improve public health, public safety, living conditions and for economic development purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, in previous years the Louisiana Office of Community Development has also accepted applications for Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Water Enrichment Fund Program offers grants to eligible municipalities and parishes for rehabilitation, improvements and new construction projects for community potable water systems; and

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed necessary and proper to submit an application to the Louisiana Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Local Government Assistance Program and also should applications be accepted the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Community Water Enrichment Fund Program.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Iowa that Mayor Carol Ponthieux is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Local Government Assistance Program and also execute any and all documents should this grant be funded; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Community Water Enrichment Fund Program if the State accepts such applications and also execute any and all documents should this grant be funded.

**THEREUPON**, the above resolution was declared adopted.

Public comment: J. Lapearous asked on these grants do you know what you are requesting and amount. Mayor stated LGAP/CWEF is used for water meter purchase or another vehicle for public works based on how these grants can be used. Lapearous said nothing for sewer. Mayor responded no.

8. Ordinance 2016-08- admittance of Ashridge to Sewer Dist. #1

a. Public hearing – Mayor adjourned regular meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Jerry Lapearous asked what phase is this. Mayor states it is for Ashridge Subdivision.

Public hearing closed at 7:52 p.m. and regular meeting resumed.

Talbot motioned Ordinance 2016-08 be accepted/adopted; Guidry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE 2016-08**  
An ordinance amending Section 50-62 of the  
Code of Ordinances, Town of Iowa, requested by  
Progressive Merchants, Inc. to be admitted to Sewer District No. 1  
Ashridge Subdivision

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and the Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, Section 50-62 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Iowa, is hereby amended to include the following described property for Sewer District No. 1, Town of Iowa, Louisiana:

Legal Description: All that certain tract or parcel of land, containing 54.42 acres, more or less, situated in the North Half of the Northeast Quarter (N/2-NE/4) of Section 29, Township 9 South, Range 6 West, Louisiana Meridian, Southwestern Land District, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 29, Township 9 South, Range 6 West, Louisiana Meridian, Southwestern Land District, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana; thence run South 00 degrees 40 minutes 05 seconds West, along the East line of said Section 29, for a distance of 45.00 feet to the South Right-of-way line of Louisiana State Highway No. 27 (Miller Avenue) and the POINT OF BEGINNING of herein described tract; thence continue South 00 degrees 40 minutes 05 seconds West, along said East line, a distance of 1279.40 feet to a point and corner; thence run North 89 degrees 20 minutes 51 seconds West, along said South line of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter (N/2-NE/4) of said Section 29; for a distance of 1734.35 feet; thence leaving said South line, run North 14 degrees 45 minutes 44 seconds West, to and along the centerline of an existing drainage ditch (Lateral 14-4), for a distance of 121.84 feet; thence continue along said centerline, run North 16 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds West, for a distance of 219.93 feet; thence continue along said centerline, run North 15 degrees 15 minutes 41 seconds West, for a distance of 199.96 feet; thence continue along said centerline, run North 08 degrees 23 minutes 12 seconds West, for a distance of 206.29 feet; thence continue along said centerline, along a curve to the right having a radius of 379.52 feet, a chord bearing of North 03 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds East, a chord length of 199.47 feet, for an arc length of 201.84 feet; thence continue along said centerline, run North 19 degrees 18 minutes 58 seconds East, for a distance of 214.74 feet; thence continue along said centerline, run North 15 degrees 56 minutes 08 seconds East, for a distance of 158.35 feet to the South Right-of-way line of Louisiana State Highway No. 27 (Miller Avenue); thence run South 89 degrees 20 minutes 55 seconds East, along said South right-of-way line, for a distance of 1797.16 feet to the point of beginning, containing 2,370,570 square feet or 54.42 acres, more or less, and subject to all rights-of-way, easements and servitudes, both recorded and unrecorded, visible and invisible. An assessment of -.02 cents per square foot of the above annexed property is hereby levied.

The above and foregoing addition to the Code of Ordinances, Town of Iowa, Louisiana, has been read and adopted and is only intended as an addition to said Ordinances and the remaining Ordinances and the past enacted Ordinances are still in full force and effect.

Said ordinance having been introduced on August 8, 2016, notice of public hearing having been published, said public hearing having been held, the title having been read and the ordinance considered on motion of Talbot, seconded by Guidry to adopt the Ordinance.

The foregoing ordinance was read and considered as a whole. A vote thereon was called for, with the following results:

YEAS: Talbot, Guidry, Fontenot, Marshall  
NAYS: none  
ABSENT: Hardy  
ABSTAIN: none

The Mayor then declared the ordinance adopted September 12, 2016.

9. Introduction and reading of title of the following ordinances – titles of said ordinances were introduced and read.

a. Ordinance 2016-09- amending Ord. 16-06 Sect 1 regarding debt collection.

To amend Ord. 2016-06 Section 1 to assess a collection fee on debts referred to a collection agency

b. Ordinance 2016-10- amending FY15-16 budget – an ordinance amending the FY2015-16 budget for the Town of Iowa Louisiana

C. Ordinance 2016-11- Stop sign additions – an ordinance to amend Section 47-9 subpart (c) to add another intersection stop sign, yield signs

10. Police Department- Updates, Reminder, Reports, and Recommendations- Chief Vincent presented the monthly department stats. National Night Out very successful. Sport Camp on August 20<sup>th</sup> was a success. Packet Council received is the new SOP you will be asked to approve at the October meeting.

Round Table:

Dist. A: Fontenot stated she would like to start on the Veteran Memorial and Walking Track. She stated that there is a grant for parks & streets that she would like to look into. Asked if we had a grant writer. Says she knows someone that could help her apply and asked if it was ok to get that person to help. Mayor answered yes.

Dist. C: Marshall thanked the citizens that came for his Unity Rally. He will be discussing with the Mayor to tear down some properties. Also he would like to talk to the Mayor about the Community Center and the rates we are charging. He feels these rates are too high. He wants to start promoting the Center.

Dist. D: Talbot talked about football season starting and the girls' volleyball starting. He urged the people to go out and support them

Dist. E: Guidry talked about the KC's \$100 Steak Dinner being held this Saturday. Urged the citizens to purchase tickets to help support the KC Hall. This is their 17<sup>th</sup> year.

There being no further business, Talbot motioned to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.; Marshall seconded. Motion Carried:

ATTEST:

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Elsie Lane, Asst. Clerk

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Carol Ponthieux, Mayor