

**Special Meeting
Town of Iowa
115 N. Thomson
May 1, 2017
6:30 P.M.**

Mayor and Council met for a budget workshop for fiscal year 2017-18

Present: Mayor Carol Ponthieux; Council Members: Gerald Guidry, Thomas Talbot, Larry Hardy, Julie Fontenot, Errol Marshall [quorum]

Invocation and pledge led by Mayor Ponthieux

1 - Budget workshop – FY 17/18 review of draft – Accountant Paul Hesse presented a review of revision 2 of the draft for next fiscal year budget.

Hesse reviewed the major projects included in budget by going through the list. Guidry questioned the budgeted cost for walking path as it was his understanding it would be around \$300,000 not as high as listed in proposed budget.

Marshall – are we expecting walking track and veterans’ memorial to be completed in this new budget? Would any revenue received for the purchase of memorial brick be placed on a line item in Revenue in Sales Tax III? Yes, brick revenue would go back to where the project was funded.

Review of assumptions in budget which includes five percent cola, adjustment of salary for mayor position and increasing compensation to Town Attorney and Town Magistrate for the additional services provided to the Court or to the Town. Several members of the Council discussed the mayor salary ordinance and adjustment to Council yearly salary. Mayor position salary ordinance to be adjusted to \$30,000. Council reviewed information presented on whether to include additional benefits of dental, vision, increase to term life amount. Currently the Town provides employee health insurance at 100%. The Council agreed with COLA but has made no decision as to the other benefits.

Police COP Program [community oriented policeman] those hours will revolve around the need at community events.

Marshall inquired about page 2 – the additional positions as to whether included in the benefit figures presented. The answer was no.

There being no further business Talbot motioned to adjourn at approximately 8:11 p.m.; Hardy seconded. Motion carried.

ATTEST

Sandra Turley, CMC

Carol Ponthieux, Mayor