

**Minutes  
Public Meeting  
Town of Iowa  
115 N. Thomson  
November 11, 2019  
Iowa, La  
7:00 p.m.**

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

Present: Paul Hesse, Mayor; Council Members: Gerald Guidry, Joe Becnel, Daniel Hennigan, Julie Fontenot, and Vernessa Guillory; Police Chief Vincent; Fire Chief Lewis; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; Town Attorney Eugene Bouquet(conference call): and about 4 citizens.

Invocation by Council Member Joe Becnel; followed by Pledge.

Mayor Hesse called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot, to approve October 14, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as written not read. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Hesse read the following resolution. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Joe Becnel to approve Resolution 2019-16, a Resolution of Rules and Regulations covering the Town of Iowa Procedure for comments by the public during Council Meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

## RESOLUTION 2019-16

### A Resolution of Rules and Regulations covering the Town of Iowa Procedure for comments by the public during Council Meetings

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF IOWA, LOUISIANA, in regular session convened, that:

**WHEREAS** in order to establish an orderly manner of allowing public comments on agenda items The Town of Iowa adopts the following rules:

The Iowa Town Council hereby establishes a four (4) minute rule on individual comments by the public. Time can be extended by a two-thirds (2/3<sup>rd</sup>) vote of the Council. A vote shall be held after proper motion for a specific additional amount of time after request by the individual seeking additional time.

The public may comment on any agenda item upon the reading of the agenda item and/or before a record vote is taken on the agenda item.

Any speaker representing a group of individuals shall be limited to the time assigned to them, not to exceed ten (10) minutes with five (5) minutes for rebuttal.

Any questions and answers involving the Council Members and the speaker shall be made in addition to the time allotted herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at Iowa, Louisiana, on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

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Paul Hesse, Mayor

ATTEST

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Cynthia Mallett, MMC

Engineer's report item: Mr. Jeff Kudla from Kudla Architecture, came before the Mayor and Council to open two sealed submitted quotes for the Tennis Court Renovations. The quotes are as follows:

- Shannon Smith Construction, LLC- LA License# 40596-----Bid \$152,950.00
- PERC Development, LLC – LA License#57361-----Bid \$138,700.00

It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot Seconded by **Joe Becnel** to accept the lowest qualified quote after all considerations and authorize Mayor Hesse to execute all documents necessary to complete project. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walt Jessen, Engineer, gave an update on the progress of the Drainage Project. Mr. Jessen said he is planning a pre-construction meeting at the end of November.

Utility and Maintenance Department Heads were not present to give reports. Mayor Hesse read the written reports submitted by Mr. James Hardy and Mr. Clayton Aymond.

Chief Lewis, Iowa Fire Department, gave updates and report for the month of October. Chief Lewis gave an update on the hiring process of the firefighters.

Police Chief Vincent gave updates and reports for the month of October.

Mr. Michael Jackson, representative of Next Air Program, came forward to report the progress of this program at the Iowa High School. He introduced Ms. Haley Broussard, student at Iowa High School. Ms. Broussard reported the health dangers of vaping and second-hand vaping. Mayor Hesse read and proclaimed November 2019 as the awareness of vaping month.

Mayor Hesse gave an updated financial report.

Open for Mayor and Council Comments: Mayor Hesse invited comments from the citizens, and the Council.

With no further business to come before the Mayor and Town Council, it was **moved by** Gerald Guidry, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to adjourn meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

ATTEST:

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Paul Hesse, Mayor

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Cynthia Mallett, MMC

