

**Regular Meeting
Town of Iowa
115 N. Thomson
September 10, 2018
Iowa, La
7:00 p.m.**

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

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

Absent: Larry Hardy

Invocation given by Mayor Ponthieux; followed by Pledge.

Approval of Minutes: Guidry motioned to approve the minutes of August 13, 2018 as written; Fontenot seconded. Motion carried.

AGENDA

1. Condemnation - 108 S. Storer – hearing – Bouquet asked Council to approve appointing a curator to seek and notify all property owners to proceed further on condemnation. Marshall inquired why condemnation as he stated he drove by and did not see a reason as to why. Bouquet suggested if Council approves CEA to allow Parish certified inspectors to issue a report, and then proceed. Talbot motioned to authorize Bouquet to secure curator; Guidry seconded. Motion carried.

Public comment: C. Caesar

2. Resolution 2018 - 08 Compliance Questionnaire – adopt for audit purposes – Marshall motioned to approve; Talbot seconded. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2018 - 08

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 10th day of September 2018.

3. CEA between CPPJ and Town for providing residential condemnation inspection services – this agreement provides certified inspectors for residential condemnation services. Talbot motioned to accept/approve the agreement; Fontenot seconded. Motion carried. Residential inspection fee and written report is \$120.00 and if inspector is asked to appear fee is \$150.00

4. IVFD – Chief Lewis to present fire department report, recommendations – Lt. T. Thrower presented the monthly stats for the department. Station has a new truck at the station, Ladder 1. Personnel are

training with this unit and citizens may see it being used around town during training process. IVFD extends a thank you to Chief Dean Lappe from Houston River Fire Dept. for conducting a training class for us with the ladder truck and to Ferrara Fire manufacturer for spending a day with us to train on the ladder. Mayor extends thanks to Chief Lewis for recognition of appointment as a member of the Quality Assurance Review Panel for ambulance services.

5. David Brossett – discuss Town projects, park updates on projects, recommendations – Brossett presented his information

a. recommend for payment Inv.#6 to Gunter Const. for \$73,282.50 for June period on Park Project Walking Path/Veterans Memorial – Talbot motioned to approve the payment to Gunter; Fontenot seconded. Motion carried.

b. recommend for payment Inv.#001 to Gunter Const. for \$20,502. For June period – Proj. Town Hall upgrade - Talbot motioned to approve; Fontenot seconded. Motion carried.

c. Recommend payment #004 to Gunter Construction for \$10,395.00 for August period – Iowa Town Hall Upgrades – Talbot motioned to approve payment; Fontenot seconded. Motion carried.
Public comment: J. Lapearous

6. Daniel Johnson – Triplex apartments on S. Philbrick - Jessen indicated no issues as long as he complies with the setbacks. A sewer line for each apartment complex and six water lines. Talbot motioned to accept preliminary plans on approval of Fire Marshall; Fontenot seconded. Motion carried.

7. Engineer – updates, reports, recommendations on Town projects

a. Proj. #I-2018-151 Harper, Marion, Ash streets reconstruction – bid recommendation – bids were received and opened September 5, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. Presented bid tabulation sheet and our recommendation that the contract for Proj.I-2018-151 be awarded to R.C. Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$341,435. Talbot motioned to accept recommendation and award to R.C. Paving as lowest bidder; Fontenot seconded. Motion carried.

b. recommend for payment Inv.#4708 to Jessen & Assoc. for \$1,130.68- Proj. I-2017-144-Talbot motioned to approve; Marshall seconded. Motion carried.

c. recommend for payment Inv.#4709 to Jessen & Assoc. for \$2,000.00 - Proj. I-2017-144 - preparation for original project for LCDBG grant. Talbot motioned to approve; Fontenot seconded. Motion carried.

Receiving bids Friday for 2018-156 – Sherman Street area – sewer rehab.

Public comment: J. Lapearous, C. Caesar

8. Introduction and reading of title

a. Ordinance 2017-07 – amending FY 17/18 budget – the title read to introduce the ordinance.

b. Ordinance 2018-08 - amending mobile home section of Code – the title read to introduce the ordinance.

A public hearing and action will take place at Town Hall, 115 N. Thomson October 8th at 7:00 p.m. on both these ordinances.

9. Ordinance 2018-06 – Clerk’s salary adjustment

a. Public Hearing – Mayor adjourned the regular meeting at 7:46 p.m. in order to conduct a public hearing.

Public comments: J. Lapearous, C. Caesar

b. Action/vote – regular meeting resumed at 7:47 p.m. Talbot motioned to adopt/approve the ordinance 18-06; Guidry seconded. Errol Marshall asked if salary for a new clerk would be the same. Mayor indicated no. Based on experience, qualifications, and certification. Motion carried with 3 yeas – Guidry, Fontenot, Talbot; 1- Abstain – Marshall. Hardy absent

ORDINANCE 2018-06

An ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article III Administration, of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana; Providing for the fixing of the salary of Clerk.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and the Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, that the salary of the Municipal Clerk be increased by \$0.50 per hour.

The effective date of this ordinance shall be July 20, 2018 and shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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.

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

YEAS: Talbot, Guidry, Fontenot

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: Marshall

ABSENT: Hardy

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared adopted on the 10th day of September 2018.

10. Police Department – Updates, Reminder, Reports, Recommendations - Lt. Willie Thomas presented the monthly stats for the department. Sports Camp was very successful and department wishes to thank all that supported the event.

Errol Marshall on behalf of the family thanked all those who have contacted the family regarding his Mother's health crisis and offering support.

There being no further business Talbot motioned to adjourned at 7:58 p.m.; Guidry seconded. Motion carried.

Financials

Sign checks: Fontenot

ATTEST:

Sandra Turley, CMC

Carol Ponthieux, Mayor