

**Minutes  
Public Meeting  
Town of Iowa  
115 N. Thomson  
November 20, 2019  
Iowa, La  
6:00 p.m.**

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

Present: Paul Hesse, Mayor; Council Members: Gerald Guidry, Daniel Hennigan, Julie Fontenot, and Vernessa Guillory; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; Town Attorney Eugene Bouquet; Absent was Council Member Joe Becnel; and 0 citizens.

Invocation by Mayor Hesse; followed by Pledge.

Mayor Hesse called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Hesse requested that a motion be made to amend the agenda to add a motion to accept the appraisal for a certain parcel of property on West Miller Street. It was **moved by**, Julie Fontenot **seconded by**, Vernessa Guillory to amend agenda to add motion to accept the appraisal for a certain parcel of property on West Miller Street. The motion passed unanimously.

It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan, to approve November 11, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as written not read. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Hesse read the title of Ordinance No. 2019-07, An Ordinance fixing meeting Place, days, and time for Mayor and Town Council. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to introduce Ordinance No. 2019-07. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hesse read the title of Ordinance No. 2019-08, An Ordinance establishing certain commercial business areas for the Town of Iowa, Louisiana and providing for the administration and enforcement thereof. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to introduce Ordinance No. 2019-08. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hesse explained that a third appraisal was received for a parcel of property located on W. Miller Street for the purpose of building a new police department. He reported that the appraisal value on this appraisal for this property was \$150,000.00. Mr. Bouquet explained what the law stated about obtaining an appraisal prior to purchasing. The Mayor asked that the Council accept this appraisal and allowed him to execute a purchase agreement and any and all other documents necessary for the purchase of the property on W. Miller Street for the purpose of building a new police department.

Council Member Daniel Hennigan began discussion on the purchase of this particular parcel of property. He asked several questions about the location and the size of the anticipated building. Council Member Julie Fontenot asked questions about the size of the property. Mayor Hesse showed her a copy of the appraisal showing a picture of the property.

Mayor asked what the Council wanted to do? It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to table this item until the December meeting when Chief Vincent would be present and more information could be given. The motion passed unanimously.

It was **moved by** Gerald Guidry, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to adjourn meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

ATTEST:

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Paul Hesse, Mayor

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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 December 9, 2019 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 2019-07**

An Ordinance fixing meeting Place, Days, and Time for Mayor and Town Council

**Ordinance 2019-08**

An Ordinance establishing certain commercial business areas for the Tow of Iowa, Louisiana, and providing for the administration and enforcement thereof

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.