

**Minutes
Special Meeting
Town of Iowa
115 N. Thomson
Iowa, La
May 20, 2020 5:30 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: Vernessa Guillory, Daniel Hennigan, Joe Becnel, and Julie Fontenot [quorum present]; Chief of Police H. Keith Vincent; Town Attorney Eugene Bouquet; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett. And 1 citizens; Absent was Gerald Guidry;

Invocation by Council Member Joe Becnel; followed by Pledge.

Mayor Hesse called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to adopt agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Joe Becnel, to approve May 11, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as written not read. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hesse moved to New Business first. He explained the need to break up the project instead as previously bid, so as to make it more affordable. It was **moved by** Joe Becnel, **seconded by**, Daniel Hennigan to approve re-advertising for the Barkley Street Reconstruction, separating into two projects; advertising for bids on Sewer line and man hole rehabilitation in Barkley/Helen Street area, and advertising for bids for Barkley/Helen street reconstruction. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hesse moved to Old Business. He read the title of Ordinance 2020-20, An Ordinance adopting an Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021. Mayor Hesse presented the budget explaining the funds revenues, expenditures, and capital outlays expected. Mr. Landry questioned if there would be any more Lateral Drainage Projects. Mayor answered that the drainage board has not brought anything up about it this year.

Town Attorney, Eugene Bouquet explained the budget process and the need to have an approved budget by June 30, 2020. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Joe Becnel to table the introduction of Ordinance 2020-20 until further review of presented budget. Chief Vincent spoke about a time he remembers, while serving as Chief of Police, when the town had to operate on 50% of the budget until an approved budget was passed and the responsibility of the elected officials to have an approved operating budget. The motion carried unanimously. The date of June 3, 2020 at 6:00 pm was agreed for a special meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa to adjourn meeting. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

ATTEST:

Paul Hesse, Mayor

Cynthia Mallett, MMC
Town Clerk

