

Minutes
The Iowa Town Council
115 N. Thomson
May 14, 2018
Iowa, LA
7:00 p.m.

Mayor and Council met in regular session this date in compliance with all requirements as to notice.
Call to order at 7:00 pm

Present: Carol Ponthieux, Mayor; Council Members: Julie Fontenot, Larry Hardy, Errol Marshall,
Tommy Talbot, Gerald Guidry (quorum present)

Invocation given by Mayor Ponthieux followed by Pledge.

Approval of Minutes: April 9, 2018 - Talbot motioned to approve, Fontenot seconded. Motion Carried

Agenda Items

1. CEA [Cooperative Endeavor Agreement] CPPJ/Town of Iowa – School Summer Food Program/Wendy Robinson - Resolution 2018- 01. Mayor informed Council about this program to be held at Iowa High School for ages 18 and younger. Hardy motioned to accept; Marshall seconded. Motion carried.
2. Walter Council – IMCAL – to discuss long-range transportation plan – Mr. Council gave a presentation and asked the Town Council to fill out a survey. Iowa may become part of their NPO with the new 2020 census. There is a survey on the website [www. Transportplanslwa.com](http://www.Transportplanslwa.com). It is 10 questions. The deadline for the survey is June 8, 2018.
Public comment: J. Lapearous
3. Chief Lewis – IVFD – updates, reports – Responded to 38 calls since last c council meeting. April training hours is 12 hours. Lt. Thrower obtained his Fire Inspector Certifications and Mark Lewis obtained his Haz-Mat awareness certification.
4. Brossett – architect’s update, reports and recommendations on current projects – Iowa Walking Path and Veterans Memorial – recommend for payment #4 for \$26,955.00 to Gunter Construction. Marshall motioned to pay; Talbot seconded. Motion carried.
Public comment: Lapearous
Brossett informed Council Gunter Construction has requested a change order #1 for an extension on the Veterans Memorial Park until June 12. Fontenot spoke of how the workers are never there. Talbot asked if Gunter is having problems with manpower. Marshall asked do we have punitive action in the contract. Marshall motioned to approve Change Order 1 to extend the completion date; Talbot seconded. Motion carried. Brossett informed the Council the Town Hall rehab is delayed due to material issues.
5. Engineer’s Report – recommendations, updates, report –
 - a. recommend pay estimates #2,#3 to PM Const. in the amounts of \$91,103.47 & \$83,264.10
Talbot motioned to approve #2 pay estimate, Hardy seconded. Motion carried.
Marshall motioned to approve the #3 pay estimate. Talbot seconded. Motion carried.
 - b. Recommend pay estimate #2,#3 to Jessen & Assoc. in the amounts of \$6,073.56 & \$5,550.94
Talbot motioned to approve #2 pay estimate, Hardy seconded. Motion carried.

- Talbot motioned to approve #3 pay estimate, Marshall seconded. Motion carried
- c. Recommend pay invoice #3434 to Minvielle & Assoc. in the amount of \$16,800
Talbot motioned to pay invoice #3434; Hardy seconded. Motion carried.
 - d. Cary McKee – final plat – Not present
Jessen then spoke about the approval made in March for Harper and Marion streets to be resurfaced. Walt would like to include Ash St. from Woodland straight south, which will bring the project to \$375,000. Hardy motioned to include Ash St. in the project; Fontenot seconded. Motion carried.
Jessen then spoke of addressing sewer issues on E. Second west to Sherman, south between E. Second & Fairview. Pipe bursting phase 2 estimated cost is \$360,000. They will be upsizing to 14". Hardy motioned to start phase 2; Fontenot seconded. Motion carried.
Jessen then stated that if the Town wanted to start the grant application for the 2019 CPPJ Road and Drainage Trust Fund, it must be done by early summer. Guidry motioned to apply for the grant for N. Lightner with 60/40 share of cost [Town 60%/Grant 40%]; Talbot seconded. Motion carried. Jessen mentioned that there is a Resolution that the Council must pass. Application is due in July.
6. Renew RDS/OLT collections contract – 3-year agreement. Marshall motioned to authorize Mayor to sign renewal; Hardy seconded. Motion carried.
Public Comment: Lapearous and C. Caesar
 7. CEA between CPPJ/Homeland Grant Program FY2017 authorize Mayor to sign – This is a FEMA grant the Parish secured of which Public Works and Police Department received funds. Approved the Town for up to \$5,000. The Police approved up to \$3,000. Talbot motioned to authorize Mayor to sign; Hardy seconded. Motion carried.
 8. Discussion regarding potential ordinance referencing halfway houses – The Mayor stated she spoke with Mayor Stinson of Vinton. Mayor said Vinton has a single-family occupancy ordinance. Talbot is concerned about the legal aspect of this request. Bouquet says he will have to look into this matter before he gives an opinion.
Public Comment: Lapearous spoke about speaking to the Justice of the Peace. Caesar spoke.
 9. Thaddeus Dugas – requesting lot size variance for First & Bowers. Dugas request is from 60' wide to 54' wide – Marshall motioned to approve variance; Hardy seconded. Motion carried.
 10. Public Hearing and vote action on Ord. 18-02 Maintenance of subdivision detention ponds - Places burden of maintenance on owner/property developer not the Town. Mayor adjourned regular meeting at 8:20 p.m. for purpose of holding public hearing.
 - a. Public hearing – Lapearous spoke for. Hesse spoke about concern of property owner going bankrupt. Marshall was wondering about penalties. Mayor spoke about how we can always amend at a further date to add a bond. Regular meeting resumed at 8:25 p.m.
 - b. Vote/action – Marshall motioned to adopt/approve Ordinance 18-02; Hardy seconded; Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2018-02

An ordinance stating the Town of Iowa will not maintain detention ponds and places that burden on the owner/developer and/or the Home Owner's Association.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF IOWA, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION CONVENED THIS 9th DAY OF April 2018:

Section 6 - Standards for development, all subdivisions. (D) Drainage

That the Town of Iowa does hereby adopt Ordinance 2018-02 regulating that all drainage improvement shall be privately maintained in perpetuity.

All drainage improvements except those allowed within the public right of way, shall be privately maintained in perpetuity. The developer shall provide as part of the engineering plan submittals, a perpetual operations and maintenance plan (O&M

Plan) for the proposed improvements. O&M Plan for said improvements shall be legalized through a development agreement and shall remain the responsibility of the developer in perpetuity. The development agreement may provide for the transfer of the O&M responsibilities, but shall require a formal revision to the original agreement and shall be approved by the Town of Iowa. The Town of Iowa will develop a template procedure to allow transfer of these perpetual maintenance requirements to an owner's association. Development Agreements shall be in accordance with the guidelines established herein. The Town of Iowa will hold on file all development agreements and may inspect drainage improvements for proper O&M as needed.

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: Marshall, Hardy, Fontenot, Talbot, Guidry

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

The Mayor then declared the ordinance duly adopted on May 14, 2018.

11. Introduction and reading of the title of the following ordinances: Mayor introduced ordinances with reading of titles.

a. Ordinance 2018-03 – Walter C Grout, LLC annexation into Sewer Dist. 1
An ordinance amending Section 50-62 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Iowa, requested by Walter C. Grout, LLC be admitted to Sewer District No. 1, Love's Travel Plaza.

b. Ordinance 2018-04 - McKee Estates into Sewer Dist. 1
An ordinance amending Section 50-62 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Iowa, Requested by Cary McKee/McKee Terrace be admitted to Sewer District No. 11

12. Police Chief – updates, reminder, reports –

a. Daniel Gaspard transferred from Full Time to Part Time patrol as of 5/7/18 – Marshall motioned to approve; Fontenot seconded. Motion carried
Monthly stats 64 offenses, 536 tickets, 285 calls completed.
Chief Vincent informed Council he was a guest speaker in New Orleans for fallen officers. He also reminded Council that Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. is the Police Memorial.

13. Announcement: Mayor read aloud the following statement: Town of Iowa intends to roll forward 2018 millage. Town will hold public hearing on June 11th for the purpose of roll forward 2018 millage rate to maintain maximum millage at Iowa Town Hall, 115 N. Thomson at 6:45 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn. Talbot motioned to adjourn; Hardy seconded. Motion carried.

Fontenot to sign checks

Financials presented to Council

ATTEST:

Elsie Lane, Asst. Town Clerk

Carol Ponthieux, Mayor