

Minutes
Town of Iowa
Regular Meeting
115 N. Thomson
December 10, 2018
7:00 p.m.

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

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

Invocation given by Mayor Ponthieux; followed by Pledge.

Approval of minutes of November 12, 2018: Marshall motioned to approve minutes as written; Hardy seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda Items

1. Audit engagement [exit] for end of term FY18/19 July 1 – Dec. 31, 2018 – Marshall motions to enter into the engagement; Talbot seconded. Motion carried.

Public comment: C. Caesar

2. FY17/18 Audit presentation by MQB, Caitlin Guillory – Caitlin Guillory presented financials with a clear opinion. Sales tax revenues up slightly across all funds. Interest earned is up. Utility funds – overall operating loss was about \$300,000. Findings: two are standard for entities of our size. AUP is an additional step required by legislative auditor's office. She reviewed this section.

Public comments: C. Caesar

3. Thaddeus Dugas – Request to move trailer into corporate limits – is requesting to move a mobile home into town, which he cannot prove, is rated Wind Zone II. Town Code requires Wind Zone II for mobile homes. Fontenot said no to mobile homes that are not rated Wind Zone II. Fontenot motioned to table to allow for further research; Hardy seconded. Motion carried. [add to Jan 12 agenda to address again]
Talbot asked how many trailers on the property and mentions that it becomes a trailer park when two or more manufactured are on same property.

4. IVFD – Chief Lewis to present fire department report, updates, recommendations – Chief Lewis presented the stats for the department.

a. fill fireboard vacancy – Mayor Ponthieux explained there is an open fireboard vacancy and appointee must live in the Town. Two individuals recommended as nominees – Jeff Golas and Jake Whatley. Both are excellent choices. Jake Whatley offers to withdraw in favor of Jeff Golas due to his experience. Marshall motions to appoint Jeff Golas; Talbot seconded. Motion carried.

5. Engineer – updates, reports, recommendations on Town -

a. I-2018-159 North Lightner Ave drainage improvements from David St North to Lateral L-14 – most survey work completed. This is the trust fund award.

b. I-2018-15 Sewer Pipe bursting – Second St. and Fairview St between Kinney Ave and East Parkway; and Second St. at Thomson Ave. – work has commenced with camera work beginning. Will start in the Sherman Street area.

- c. I-2018-151 street reconstruction – Harper St from Hwy 165 North to dead end; Marion St from Harper St to Barkley St; Ash St from Woodland St Couth to Cul-de-Sac – contractor has started some drainage work at corner of Harper and Hwy. 165. Ash Street will begin the pulverizing and soil cement to be done this week. Asphalt placement will most likely be after Dec. 25th.
- e. I-2016-133 Piping manifold improvements at Iowa Water Plant – working on this project and it is coming together.
- f. I-2017-148 water meter solicitation package re: installation of water meters for Town of Iowa at various locations – proposal is town provides the meters and seek contractors’ labor and equipment. Hardy motioned to authorize to seek bids; Talbot seconded. Motion carried.
- b. recommend for payment the following invoices to Jessen & Assoc.

I-2018-157 invoice #4794 for \$669.62 – 2019 Road & Drainage Trust grant application

I-2017-136 invoice #4795 for \$7,873.61 – sewer siphon relocation Lat. L-14 at Knapp St.

I-2017-146 invoice #4796 for \$4,672.19 – abandonment of 2” water main at Knapp and L-14

Marshall motioned to approve all three invoices; Fontenot seconded. Motion carried.

6. Ordinance 2018-09 – introduction and reading of title – salary increase for Council Members – introduction and title read. Public hearing and action will take place at Town Hall, 115 N. Thomson at a special meeting to be held on December 19th at 6:00 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2018-09

**An ordinance setting the compensation of Council Member
as required by Chapter 2, Administration, of the Code of Ordinances
of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana; Providing for the fixing of the salary of Council Member**

7. Police Department – Reports, Recommendations, Updates – Chief Vincent presented the department stats and reminded everyone it is the holidays and while out shopping be aware of your surroundings.

Hardy motioned to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.; Talbot seconded. Motion carried.

Financials

Sign checks – Guidry

ATTEST:

Sandra Turley, CMC

Carol Ponthieux, Mayor