

**Minutes
Public Hearing
Iowa Town Council
115 N. Thomson
June 11, 2018
6:45 P.M
Iowa, LA**

A public hearing was held as follows:

1. To consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rate after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum.

Quorum present for the public hearing. This is to maintain maximum millage rate. Mayor asked if any present wished to comment. There being no comments public hearing adjourned/ended at 6:47 p.m.

ADJOURN Public Hearing

**Minutes
Regular Meeting
Town of Iowa
115 N. Thomson
June 11, 2018
7:00 P.M
Iowa, LA**

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, Errol Marshal, Gerald Guidry
(quorum present)

Absent: Hardy, Talbot

Invocation given by Mayor Ponthieux followed by Pledge.

Approval of Minutes: Marshall motioned to approve the minutes of May 9, May 14, and May 29, 2018 as written; Guidry seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda Items

1. Name American Press as Town's Official Journal – Marshall motioned to approve the American Press as official journal July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019; Guidry seconded. Motion carried.
2. Chris Keller, Director Digital Ad Sales/zCivic – presentation on mobile app partnered with SWLA Economic Dev. Alliance - Chris Keller made his presentation about putting together a structured app with partnership. This lowers the cost. This app will cover the five parishes and municipalities within those five parishes. Single fee good for a year. \$6,000 per year would be the Town's cost. Mayor states we currently have a grant with Tourist bureau and believes the grant will cover the cost. Mayor says this is a tool to allow Town to stay in contact with our citizens. Contract is for one year and one year only. First

two year fees are locked. The objective is to attract business in our area. Marshall inquired who would be responsible for updating this information. Marshall motioned to table and place on June 25th special meeting agenda for further discussion; Fontenot seconded. Motion carried.

3. IVFD – reports, updates by Chief Lewis – presented monthly stats report. Fontenot asked about ambulance delayed service. When delayed, Fire Dept. automatically called. Also depends on how the calls are routed.
4. David Brossett, Architect – payment recommendations, update on current Town projects – recommend payment approval of invoices presented in the amounts of \$26,955.00 and \$54,495.00 to Gunter Construction. Marshall motioned to approve; Guidry seconded. Motion carried.
5. Engineer’s Report – recommendations, updates, reports
 - a. Res. 2018- 02– authorize application for CPPJ Road & Drainage grant – Guidry motioned to approve resolution for grant application; Fontenot seconded. Motion carried.
Public comment: J Lapearous
 - b. Res. 2018- 03 - substantial completion – Mayor prefers not to accept until the cleanup has been completed. Marshall motioned to table until July meeting; Guidry seconded. Motion carried.
 - c. recommend for payment Eng. Est.#1 in amount of \$18,098.63 for sewer pipe bursting project. Guidry motioned to approve payment; Marshall seconded. Motion carried.
 - d. Celebration Subdivision – present updated conceptual plan – David Minton present but the wrong plans/wording were presented so this issue will have to be moved to July 9, 2018 meeting. Jessen stated requests have been incorporated.

Jessen stated office is still working on asphalt overlays and the next phase of the pipe bursting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-02

A RESOLUTION requesting assistance and making application to the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury Road and Drainage Trust Fund for participation in the cost of the Drainage Improvements North Lightner Avenue from David Street North to Lateral L-14

WHEREAS, funding is needed to complete this drainage project; and

WHEREAS, funding of a portion of the cost of needed improvement in this phase has been committed by the Town of Iowa (60% Town/40% Parish); and

WHEREAS, improving drainage of North Lightner Avenue from David Street North to Lateral L-14 by installation of reinforced concrete pipe and catch basins along North Lightner Avenue from David Street North to Lateral L-14; and

WHEREAS, piping the lateral tributary will improve the drainage system and safely remove the storm water from the residential area; and

WHEREAS, piping the existing roadside ditch on North Lightner Avenue from David Street North to Lateral L-14 will improve the drainage system and safely remove the storm water from the nearby residential area.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF IOWA, LOUISIANA, in regular session convened, that:

SECTION 1: All of the above and foregoing is hereby made a part of this resolution.

SECTION 2: The Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, does hereby request funding assistance and authorizes the Mayor of the Town of Iowa to make an application to the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury Road and Drainage Trust Fund for participation in the cost of improving the drainage on Lightner Avenue from David Street North to Lateral L-14.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at Iowa, Louisiana, on this the 11th day of June, 2018.

6. Public hearing and action/vote on the following ordinances

a. Ordinance 2018-03 – Walter C Grout, LLC annexation into Sewer Dist. 1- Mayor adjourned the regular meeting public hearing at 7:49 p.m. Public comment by Lapearous. Resumed regular meeting at 7:53 p.m. Marshall motioned to adopt Ordinance 2018-03; Guidry seconded. Motion carried.

b. Ordinance 2018-04 – McKee Estates into Sewer Dist. 1 - regular meeting adjourned at 7:54p.m. for the purpose of a public hearing. Regular meeting resumed at 7:57 p.m. Public comment: Lapearous inquired about what type of lines. Guidry motioned to approve Ord. 2018-04; Marshall seconded. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2018-03

**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**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and the Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, Section 50-62 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Iowa, is hereby amended to include the following described property for Sewer District No. 1, Town of Iowa, Louisiana:

Legal Description: DESCRIPTION OF A 20.069± ACRE (874,212± SQ. FT.) TRACT BEING A PORTION OF TRACT A OF THE LYNN BERRY PARTITION LOCATED IN SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 6 WEST, SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICT, TOWN OF IOWA, EAST OF THE CITY OF LAKE CHARLES, CALCASIEU PARISH, LOUISIANA

A certain piece, parcel or lot of ground, together with all improvements thereon, rights, ways and privileges thereunto belonging or in any way appertaining, being, lying and situated in Section 20, Township 9 South, Range 6 West, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at a 2-1/2" diameter iron pipe (found) located on the northern right-of-way line of Interstate Frontage Road and marking the southeast corner of Tract D of the Lynn Berry Partition, a copy of which can be found at Conveyance Office Book 2479, pages 401-402, official records of the Calcasieu Parish Clerk of Court, said point bearing the State Plane Coordinate, Northing of 640,414.2215 and Easting of 2,752,545.9989, North American Datum of 1983, Louisiana South Zone (1702), US Survey Feet; thence proceed South 85 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds West, grid bearing, along the northern right-of-way line of said Interstate 10 Frontage Road, a distance of 855.88 feet to a 5/8" diameter iron rod (set); thence turn right and proceed North 00 degrees 37 minutes 41 seconds East, departing said northern right-of-way line, a distance of 479.33 feet to a point located on the common boundary line between Tracts A and D of the aforementioned Lynn Berry Partition, said point being marked by a 5/8" diameter iron rod (set) and also marking the southeast corner and **POINT OF BEGINNING** of the tract be described;

thence turn left and proceed South 85 degrees 59 minutes 39 seconds West, along said common boundary line a distance of 560.47 feet to a 5/8" diameter iron rod (set), said point marking the southwest corner of the described tract;

thence turn right and proceed North 20 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds West, departing said common boundary line, a distance of 107.19 feet to a 5/8" diameter iron rod (set);

thence turn left and proceed North 21 degrees 49 minutes 39 seconds West, a distance of 422.20 feet to a 5/8" diameter iron rod (set);

thence turn right and proceed North 00 degrees 07 minutes 19 seconds West, a distance of 216.07 feet to a 5/8" diameter iron rod (set);

thence turn left and proceed North 07 degrees 50 minutes 05 seconds West, a distance of 157.83 feet to a 5/8" diameter iron rod (set);

thence continue North 07 degrees 50 minutes 05 seconds West, a distance of 208.05 feet to a 5/8" diameter iron rod with plastic cap stamped "Collins" (found), said point marking the northwest corner of the described tract;

thence turn right and proceed South 89 degrees 46 minutes 28 seconds East, a distance of 117.81 feet to a 5/8" diameter iron rod (set);

thence turn left and proceed North 66 degrees 43 minutes 42 seconds East, a distance of 530.30 feet to a 5/8" diameter iron rod (set);

thence turn left and proceed North 53 degrees 04 minutes 22 seconds East, a distance of 267.45 feet to a 5/8" diameter iron rod (set), said point marking the northeast corner of the described tract;

thence turn right and proceed South 00 degrees 37 minutes 41 seconds West, a distance of 1401.73 feet to the **POINT OF BEGINNING**;

The above described tract contains 20.069 acres, 874,212 square feet, more or less.

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.

Said ordinance having been introduced on May 14, 2018 notice of public hearing having been published, said public hearing having been held, the title having been read and the ordinance considered on motion of Marshall, seconded by Guidry to adopt the Ordinance.

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

YEAS: Fontenot, Marshall, Guidry

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Hardy, Talbot

ABSTAIN: none

The Mayor then declared the ordinance adopted June 11, 2018.

ORDINANCE 2018-04
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. 1

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and the Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, Section 50-62 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Iowa, is hereby amended to include the following described property for Sewer District No. 1, Town of Iowa, Louisiana:

Legal Description:

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ALL BLK D W OF THOMSON AVE IOWA
REF1-JOHN MILLER AND B O MARTEL B 1693 P 380-82
REF2-ASSESSED JOHN MILLER ET AL-8
total property is 105x360/ 37800 sq. ft.

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.

Said ordinance having been introduced on May 14, 2018 notice of public hearing having been published, said public hearing having been held, the title having been read and the ordinance considered on motion of Guidry, seconded by Marshall to adopt the Ordinance.

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

YEAS: Guidry, Marshall, Fontenot

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Hardy, Talbot

ABSTAIN: none

The Mayor then declared the ordinance adopted June 11, 2018.

7. Adopt the adjusted millage rate / Resolution 2018 – 04 – Marshall motioned to approve Res. 2018-04; Guidry seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2018-04

**A Resolution adopting the adjusted millage rate
for the Town of Iowa for 2018.**

BE IT RESOLVED, by governing authority of the Town of Iowa, Parish of Calcasieu, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on June 11, 2018 , which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23 (C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following adjusted millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2018, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE

Tax General Alimony

5.300 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Calcasieu, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2018 the taxes herein levied and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted on June 11, 2018 by the following votes:

YEAS: Fontenot, Marshall, Guidry

NAYS: none

ABSTAINED: none

ABSENT: Hardy, Talbot

8. Set forth the adjusted millage rate **and** roll forward to millage rate not exceeding the maximum authorized rate. Resolution 2018 – 05 – Marshall motioned to approve Res. 2018-05; Guidry seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2018-05

**A Resolution adopting the increase in millage rates for the
Town of Iowa for 2018, but not in excess of the prior year's
maximum rate.**

BE IT RESOLVED, by governing authority of the Town of Iowa, of the Parish of Calcasieu, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on June 11, 2018 , which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23 (C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rate, but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate, on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2018, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage is:

Adjusted MILLAGE

2018 Levy

Tax General Alimony

5.300 mils

5.59 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Calcasieu, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2018 the taxes herein levied and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23 (C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705 (B) on June 11, 2018 by the following votes:

YEAS: Fontenot, Marshall, Guidry

NAYS: none

ABSTAINED: none

9. Ordinance 2018-05 –introduction of budget ordinance for FY18/19 – title was read and ordinance introduced. Public hearing at June 25th at 6 p.m.
10. Approve FY17/18 Audit Engagement – this is to approve the appointment letter to Legislative Auditor to appoint MQB as the auditor. Marshall motioned to approve and for Mayor to sign; Fontenot seconded. Motion carried.
11. Recommend condemnation process on the following addresses: 511 N. Philbrick, 513 N. Philbrick and 414 S. Philbrick - the Council is asked to recommend for condemnation the following addresses in order to begin the process. Marshall motioned to begin the process; Guidry seconded. Motion carried.
12. Police Department – recommendations, reports, updates – Chief Vincent presented the department stats.
 - a. Keelan Poullard transfer from Reserve to FT patrol as of 5/23/18 -
 - b. Leah Roberts – recommend hire as PT temp dispatcher as of 5/24/18- disregard this item. Chief Vincent asked to strike this item.
 - c. Rodney Daigle promote to Corporal

Fontenot motioned to approve the above recommendations regarding hire/transfer of Poullard and Daigle promotion; Marshall seconded. Motion carried.

Police memorial service had an outstanding turnout with support from the community.

Adjourn: Marshall motioned to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.; Guidry seconded. Motion carried.

Financials provided

ATTEST:

Sandra Turley, CMC

Carol Ponthieux, Mayor