

**Minutes
Public Hearing
Town of Iowa
115 N. Thomson
November 9, 2020
Iowa, La
7:00 p.m.**

There was present Mayor Hesse; Council Members: Daniel Hennigan, Gerald Guidry, Julie Fontenot, Joe Becnel, and Vernessa Guillory; Also, present was Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; Town Attorney, Eugene Bouquet; Chief of Police Keith Vincent; Sewer Superintendent James Hardy; Street and Maintenance Supervisor, Clayton Aymond and about 9 citizens.

Mayor Paul Hesse opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 pm. Mayor Hesse read the proposed Ordinance 2020-05, An Ordinance to amend Section 47-9 of subpart (B) to add another intersection stop sign, yield signs. He asked if there were any questions or comments. No questions or comments were made.

Mayor Hesse closed the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

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Regular Meeting
115 N. Thomson, Iowa, LA 70647
City Hall Meeting Room
November 9, 2020
7:01 p.m.**

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

Present: Mayor Paul Hesse; Council Members: Joe Becnel, Gerald Guidry, Vernessa Guillory, Julie Fontenot, and Daniel Hennigan; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; Town Attorney Eugene Bouquet; Chief of Police Keith Vincent; and about 9 citizens.

Invocation by Council Member Joe Becnel, followed by Pledge.

Mayor Hesse announced a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to adopt agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to approve October 12, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as written not read. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Hesse read the title of Ordinance 2020-05. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to adopt Ordinance 2020-05. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2020-05

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 47-9 SUBPART (B)
TO ADD ANOTHER INTERSECTION STOP SIGN, YIELD SIGNS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and the Iowa Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, that Section 47-9 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Iowa, is hereby amended to add two (2) stop signs at (2) intersections to subpart b of said section as follows:

Sec. 47-9 (b). Stop signs within the ambit of the Louisiana Highway Regulatory Act shall be posed at the following intersections:

- (addition) Stop sign intersection of: Joshua Street and Alexa Street, east bound and west bound, making a three way stop**
- (addition) Stop sign intersection of: Shelby Street and Alexa Street, east bound and west bound, making a three way stop**

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 October 12, 2020, the title having been read and appropriate public advertisement completed.

The above ordinance was adopted at a duly convened meeting on motion of Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Julie Fontenot, upon a vote taken as follows:

YEAS: Daniel Hennigan, Julie Fontenot, Vernessa Guillory, Joe Becnel, and Gerald Guidry

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

WHEREUPON, the presiding officer declared the above Ordinance duly adopted on the 09th day of November, 2020.

PAUL HESSE, MAYOR

I certify that the above ordinance was presented to the Mayor by me on the 10th day of November, 2020.

CYNTHIA MALLETT, TOWN CLERK

I, acknowledge receipt of the above ordinance from the Town Clerk on this 10th day of November, 2020.

PAUL HESSE, MAYOR

I, hereby approve the above ordinance on this 10th day of November, 2020.

PAUL HESSE, MAYOR

I certify that the above ordinance was received by me from the Mayor on this 10th day of November, 2020.

CYNTHIA MALLETT, TOWN CLERK

Mr. Walt Jessen gave a report on Sewer Line Rehabilitation of Helen and Barkley Street; and recommended the Town Council to approve change order no. 1 for I-2020-177 Sewer Line Rehabilitation of Helen and Barkley Street. It was **moved by**, Julie Fontenot **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to approve change order no. 1 for I-2020-177. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Jessen recommended Pay Estimate No. 1 for work completed by E.B. Feucht & Sons LLC be paid in the amount of \$16,072.20. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to pay E.B. Feucht & Sons, LLC as recommended. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Jessen requested the invoice for engineering services for the Sewer Line Rehabilitation of Helen and Barkley Street area in the amount of \$5,800.73 be approved for payment. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to pay the request for engineer fees of Sewer Line Rehabilitation of Helen and Barkley Street area. Motion passed unanimously.

He also reported the Piping Manifold was complete and recommended final payment to R. Cloud be paid in the amount of \$13,441.24. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to approve final payment to R. Cloud Construction. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Jessen requested payment be made to D. W. Jessen for engineer fees in the amount of \$1,495.11. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to approve payment of \$1495.11 to D.W. Jessen for Piping Manifold Improvements project engineer fees. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hesse read the request from Iowa Housing Authority for support of Iowa Housing Authority converting the existing public housing program to the Section 8 Program. Council member Dainiel Hennigan asked questions about the conversion. Mayor Hesse answered questions and there was discussion. It was **moved by**, Daniel Hennigan **seconded by**, Julie Fontenot to approve support of the Iowa Housing Authority converting the existing public housing program to the Section 8 Program. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clayton Aymond, Street and Maintenance Supervisor, reported monthly updates.

Mr. James Hardy, Sewer and Water Supervisor, reported monthly updates.

Chief of Police, Keith Vincent, gave monthly reports and updates

Fire Chief, Joseph Lewis was not present. Assistant Chief Sonny Coffee gave fire department's report for monthly activities. It was discussed that a revision to the ordinance for burn permits may need to be considered at December Council Meeting.

Mr. Carl Webb, made a request, prior to the meeting, to appear before the Mayor and Council. He was not present. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by**, Vernessa Guillory to defer appearance for December meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Sallie Toups came before the Mayor and Council and requested a variance to move an older mobile home on Eli Street in the Town of Iowa. Council members asked questions and viewed pictures and information about the mobile home. There was discussion about repairs to be made to the home. After discussion, it was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Gerald Guidry to approve, upon the completion of improvements to the mobile home within 60 days, a variance is granted. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hesse read resolution title 2020-14, and explained that the funding this year for the LGAP and CWEF was drastically decreased. He said the Town of Iowa may apply for the purchase of a vehicle for the Chief of Police. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to approve Resolution 2020-14. The motion carried unanimously.

The following resolution was offered by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by, Julie Fontenot and duly resolved:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-14

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature has appropriated funding for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) and Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) Program; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Assistance Program offers grants to eligible municipalities and parishes for a wide range of projects to improve public health, public safety, living conditions and for economic development purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Community Water Enrichment Fund Program offers grants to eligible municipalities and parishes for rehabilitation, improvements and new construction projects for community potable water systems; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and proper to submit applications to the Louisiana Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Local Government Assistance Program and also the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Community Water Enrichment Fund Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Iowa that Mayor Paul Hesse is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Local Government Assistance Program and also execute any and all documents should this grant be funded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Community Water Enrichment Fund Program and also execute any and all documents should this grant be funded.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was declared adopted.

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Mallett, MMC, Town Clerk of the Town of Iowa, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Iowa on November 9, 2020 at which time a quorum was present and voting.

CYNTHIA MALLET, MMC
TOWN CLERK
TOWN OF IOWA

Mayor Hesse explained to the Council that since the destruction of the old school, from the two hurricanes, the school’s pickup and drop-off area has changed and is causing traffic issues. He said the resolution would eliminate the one-way streets. He asked if there was anybody present that opposed this resolution. Nobody came forward to oppose it. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to approve the following resolution. The motion carried unaimously.

RESOLUTION 2020 - 15

**An emergency resolution to approve two-way traffic on streets
ordained as one-way streets within the Town of Iowa**

WHEREAS, the town of Iowa ordained

1st Street between Thomson Avenue and South Welty Street, running east, said streets to include the 200 block of South Kinney And 2nd Street between South Kinney Avenue and Thomson Avenue.

AND

2nd Street between South Lightner and Thomson Avenue

as one-way streets; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Iowa has a need to revoke this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, it has become an emergency issue; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Town Council, that from this date, November 9, 2020, until the date of adoption of Ordinance 2020-06, an ordinance to revoke section 47-8 of the Town of Iowa Municipal Code of Ordinances, that two-way traffic on the streets named above be allowed and to waive any penalties or citations issued for violating Section 47-8.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at Iowa, Louisiana, on this 9th day of November, 2020.

Paul Hesse, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Cynthia Mallett, Municipal Clerk

A request from Allstate Insurance Company to waive penalty fees for late payments of Insurance premium Tax was presented and explained to Mayor and Council Members. After a discussion of the request, it was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to waive the penalty as requested. The motion carried unanimously

Mayor recommended the Council renew the contract with and between Julian Quebedeaux and Town of Iowa for filming Council Meetings. Council Member Julie Fontenot asked when and what channels are the meetings aired. It was said they would find out and let her know. After further discussion, it was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to renew the contract with an ending date of June 30, 2021 at the same rate as previous contract. The motion carried unanimously.

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Joe Becnel to approve Memorandum of understanding between Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office and Town of Iowa. The motion carried unanimously.

There was a discussion and announcement that there is an allowance of campers, RV's, and FEMA living quarters for emergency residence within corporate limits. It was stated that six month period permits will be issued. Mayor Hesse announced that people need to post the permit issued in clear sight on the living quarter.

Mayor Hesse read the title to introduced Ordinance 2020-06, an ordinance to revoke section 47-8 of the Town of Iowa Municipal Code of Ordinances. He explained this ordinance is to eliminate the one way streets, making them two way streets as discussed earlier.

Mayor read the title to introduced Ordinance 2020-07, an ordinance to amend section 47-9 subpart (B) to add another intersection stop sign, yield signs. He said this ordinance would put a four way stop intersection near the school's drop off and pickup designated area.

Mayor gave financial report and announced that the auditors for the Town of Iowa requested a two month extension because of delays caused by the two hurricanes. Mayor Hesse announced that it was understandable and the request was approved.

Mayor Hesse announced that if anyone needs assistance to work on their house, clean up their yards, and/or remove trees to contact City Hall. There will be a crew of people from the Pentecostal church coming in to help and a list of citizens needing these services will be given to the crews. There was discussion on debris pickup.

Daniel Hennigan asked if we could invite Mr. Kudla at the December meeting to discuss the plans for the ball fields.

Mayor Hesse announced that it is his wish to hire someone to make sure the town gets a good estimate of loss from the insurance company. He would like to get it approved at December meeting.

No further business to discuss, it was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Paul Hesse, Mayor

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 14, 2020 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 2020-06

An Ordinance to revoke section 47-8 of the Town of Iowa Municipal code of Ordinances

AND

Ordinance 2020-07

An Ordinance to amend Section 47-9 Subpart (B) to add another intersection stop sign, yield signs.

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.