

**Special Meeting
Budget Workshop
Town of Iowa
115 N. Thomson
May 9, 2018
6:30 P.M.**

Mayor and Council met in special session this date in compliance with all requirements as to notice.
Call to order at 6:35 pm

Present: Carol Ponthieux, Mayor; Council Members: Julie Fontenot, Larry Hardy, Errol Marshall
Absent: Gerald Guidry

Invocation given by Mayor Ponthieux followed by Pledge.

Agenda Items

1. Discuss budget

Comptroller Mallett explained how to read the budget worksheet and asked if any questions. Mallett stated how we would need to amend our revenues and RS code dictates that she notifies the council as soon she realizes that the budget is 5% under. Marshall asked "what is the biggest factor in being under in revenues?" Mallett then explained what each fund looked like. Marshall asked about the fines and when do we receive those funds. Mayor explained the process. Marshall asked about the wage differences. Mallett stated that it looked like the sick and vacation was added to the salaries and wages then also placed on its own line item. It was done this way for all departments. Mayor notifies council that the Chief of Police wants to give his employees another raise and she is not in agreement. They have received a 5% cost of living in July for FY 2017/18. Mallett informs Council that the Police department will be in the black under expenditures. Mallett informs that over-budgeting salaries in the police department has helped the police department not go over. Marshall asks about sales tax III and why are we lower than last year. Mallett informs that the parish estimates that amount. Marshall states his disagreement on the allocations in drainage. Each Council member spoke of their concerns for projects in their district.

A second special meeting will be called to finalize the budget in order to introduce hopefully at the June regular meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Hardy; Seconded by Marshall. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Elsie Lane Asst. Clerk

Carol Ponthieux, Mayor