

**Minutes**  
**Public Hearing Meeting**  
**Town of Iowa**  
**115 N. Thomson**  
**June 24, 2020**  
**Iowa, La**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Paul Hesse called a public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. Present was Mayor Hesse; Council Members Julie Fontenot, Joe Becnel, Daniel Hennigan, Vernessa Guillory, Town Attorney Eugene Bouquet; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett vis telephone conference, Chief of Police Keith Vincent; and 0 citizens.

Mayor read the following:

1. To consider adopting Ordinance 2020-02, An Ordinance adopting an Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021. Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or comments. Council Member Julie Fontenot asked about amending the budget once plans of baseball fields were received by Architect Jeff Kudla. Mayor stated that this budget is a working device and can be amended at any time necessary. Nobody had any questions or comments.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:02 p.m.

**Minutes**  
**Public Special Meeting**  
**Town of Iowa**  
**115 N. Thomson**  
**June 24, 2020**  
**Iowa, La**  
**7:02 p.m.**

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

Present: Paul Hesse, Mayor; Council Members: Vernessa Guillory, Daniel Hennigan, Joe Becnel, and Julie Fontenot; Absent was Gerald Guidry[quorum present]; Chief of Police H. Keith Vincent; Town Attorney Eugene Bouquet; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett via conference call

Invocation by Council Member Joe Becnel; followed by Pledge.

Mayor Hesse called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

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

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory, to approve June 8, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as written not read. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor read the title of Ordinance 2020-02, An Ordinance adopting an Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Joe Becnel to adopt Ordinance 2020-02, An Ordinance adopting an Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

**Town of Iowa  
Budget 2020-2021**

**General Fund**

**REVENUES:**

Taxes	824,500.00
Licenses & Permits	207,700.00
Grant Revenue	435,000.00
Fines & Forfeitures	926,000.00
Investment Earnings	60,300.00
Police Dept.	31,500.00
Transfers	177,000.00

**Total Revenues** **2,662,000.00**

**EXPENDITURES:**

Administration	490,200.00
Police	1,722,008.00
Fire	135,000.00
Court Cost	177,597.00
Multi-Purpose Center	31,400.00
Fire Admin	105,634.00

**Total Expenditures** **2,661,839.00**

**NET TOTAL** **181.00**

**SALES TAX – WATER IMPROVEMENT**

**REVENUES:**

Taxes	578,501.00
State Grants	54,800.00
PJ Road & Drainage	170,400.00
Investment Earned	70,000.00
Prior Yr. Cash	402,568.00

**Total Revenues** **1,276,269.00**

**Total Expenditures** **1,276,269.00**

**NET TOTAL** **0.00**

**SALES TAX – PARKS & STREETS**

**REVENUES:**

Taxes	161,136.00
Investment Earnings	1,000.00
Other Revenue	19,800.00

**Total Revenues** **181,936.00**

**Total Expenditures** 178,874.00

**NET TOTAL** 0.00

**SALES TAX II STREET DEPARTMENT**

**REVENUES:**

Taxes 523,693.00  
Investment Earnings 15,000.00  
Prior Yr Cash Approp. 260,547.00

**Total Revenues** 799,240.00

**Total Expenditures** 799,240.00

**NET TOTAL** 0.00

**SALES TAX III**

**REVENUES:**

Taxes 402,840.00  
PJ Drainage Trust Fnd 67,624.00  
Grant Revenue 16,000.00  
Investment Earnings 10,000.00

**Total Revenues** 496,464.00

**Total Expenditures** 496,464.00

**NET TOTAL** 0.00

**CITY WATER WORKS**

**REVENUES:**

Charges for Service 1,239,000.00  
Investment Earnings 14,000.00  
Prior Yr Cash Approp. 828,389.00

**Total Revenues** 2,081,389.00

**EXPENDITURES:**

Water Utilities 388,040.00  
Waste Water Maint. 1,443,349.00  
Garbage & Trash 250,000.00

**Total Expenditures** 2,081,389.00

**NET TOTAL** 0.00

**ORDINANCE 2020-02**

**AN ORDINANCE adopting an Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.**

**BE IT ORDAINED** BY THE IOWA TOWN COUNCIL of Iowa, Louisiana, in general session convened that:

SECTION 1: The attached detailed estimate of Revenues for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an Operating Budget of Revenues for the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, during the same period.

SECTION 2: The attached estimates of Expenditures by departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as a budget of Expenditures for the Town during the said period.

SECTION 3: The adoption of this Operating Budget of Expenditures be and the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

SECTION 4: Amounts are available for expenditures only to the extent included within the 2020 to 2021 budget. Further, it is the intent of this presentation to hereby authorize the Chief Administrative Officer the power to administer these budgets within a margin of plus or minus 5%.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on June 3, 2020, the title having been read and a public held on July 24, 2020.

The above ordinance was adopted at a duly convened special meeting, July 24, 2020 on motion by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Joe Becnel upon a vote taken as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gerald Guidry

ABSTAIN: None

**WHEREAUPON**, the presiding officer declared the above ordinance dully adopted on this 24th day of June, 2020.

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**PAUL HESSE, MAYOR**

I certify that the above ordinance was presented to the Mayor by me on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

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**CYNTHIA MALLET, TOWN CLERK**

I, acknowledge receipt of the above ordinance from the Town Clerk on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

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**PAUL HESSE, MAYOR**

I, hereby approve the above ordinance on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

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**PAUL HESSE, MAYOR**

I certify that the above ordinance was received by me from the Mayor on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020.

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**CYNTHIA MALLET, TOWN CLERK**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Hesse announced that last year financial and Agreed Upon Procedures Audit totaled about \$45,000.00 to \$47,000.00. This year's audits are estimated by McElroy, Quirk & Burch to be about 4 to 5% increase. It was **moved by** Joe Becnel, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to approve hiring McElroy, Quirk, & Burch to audit the financial activities of the Town of Iowa for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 and to perform Agreed upon procedures Report. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Mayor Hesse presented The Continuity of Operations Plan as required by the State of Louisiana. He stated that it is a generic plan and can be changed as needed. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Joe Becnel. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Mayor Hesse read this agenda item and explained that there would be one final payment after this one for the retainage. It was **moved by**, Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to approve payment #5 to PERC Development in the amount of \$16,610.48 for the Tennis Court Rehabilitation. The motion passed unanimously.
4. It was **moved by** Joe Becnel, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to adjourn meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Paul Hesse, Mayor

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Cynthia Mallett, MMC

