

**Minutes  
Public Meeting  
Town of Iowa  
115 N. Thomson  
August 12, 29019  
Iowa, La  
7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Paul Hesse introduced Wendy Aguiard, Candidate for Calcasieu Parish Tax Assessor, She came forward and announced that she is running for re-election. She reported the projects she has accomplished during the term she has served. Mayor introduced Tony Stelly, Candidate for Calcasieu Parish Police Jury. He came forward and said a few things about himself and asked for their support in the upcoming election. Mayor introduced Brandon Perkins, candidate for Calcasieu Parish Police Jury. Mr. Perkins came forward and gave reasons why he is running and thanked everyone for having him speak. Mayor introduced Randy Armentor, candidate for Calcasieu Parish Police Jury. Mr. Armentor spoke about the reasons why he decided to run for Police Jury and what he would like to accomplish if elected. Mayor introduced Shalon Latour candidate for State Representative. Mr. LaTour talked about certain items he wishes to address if elected.

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

Present: Paul Hesse, Mayor; Council Members: Daniel Hennigan, Julie Fontenot, and Vernessa Guillory  
Absent: Gerald Guidry and Joe Becnel[quorum present]; Police Chief Keith Vincent; Fire Chief Lewis;  
Town Attorney Eugene Bouquet; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; and about 31 citizens

Invocation by Mayor Paul Hesse; followed by Pledge.

Mayor Hesse called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

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

It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan, to approve July 8, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes as written not read. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council Member Julie Fontenot gave a report on the discussions with businesses in town for the potential smoke free Ordinance. She said she would like to talk with some employees of the two businesses in town that are not smoke free to find out more about the impact on passing a smoke free ordinance.

Mayor Hesse talked about the discussions he had with the fire board concerning the Council Members contemplation of the town hiring two fire fighters. He estimated \$60,000.00 additional cost for this. Town Attorney Mr. Bouquet prepared joint service agreement outlining what the town would be responsible for the service provided by the Fire District. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to amend agenda to add, Motion to approve Joint Services Agreement with and between Town of Iowa and Fire District and to authorize Mayor Paul Hesse to execute said agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to approve Joint Services Agreement with and between Town of Iowa and Fire District and to authorize Mayor Paul Hesse to execute said agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Engineer Walt Jessen, Jr. opened and read the sealed bids for project 1-2018-159 North Lightner Avenue Drainage Improvements from David Street North to Lateral L-14.

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| 1. Asphalt Associates, Inc.        | \$401,980.00 |
| 2. R. Cloud Construction Co., Inc. | \$513,370.00 |
| 3. McManus Construction, LLC       | \$347,437.00 |
| 4. Siema Construction Co., LLC     | \$403,090.50 |
| 5. R.D. Spell, Inc.                | \$408,250.00 |

It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to accept lowest responsible bid, subject to review. The motion passed unanimously.

Engineer Walt Jessen, Jr. opened and read the sealed bids for project 1-2016-133, Piping manifold improvements at Iowa Water Plant.

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| 1. Asphalt Associates, Inc.        | \$184,249.00 |
| 2. R. Cloud Construction Co., Inc. | \$144,755.00 |
| 3. Blake D. Hines, Inc.            | \$249,005.00 |
| 4. R.D. Spell, Inc.                | \$213,954.00 |

It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to accept lowest responsible bid, subject to review. The motion passed unanimously.

It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to approve Resolution 2019-09, Resolution authorizing Financial Assistance from the State of Louisiana under the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Local Government Assistance Program and Community Water Enrichment Fund Program. The motion passed unanimously.

The following resolution was offered by Julie Fontenot, seconded by Vernessa Guillory, and duly resolved:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-10**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA  
UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
AND  
COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Legislature has appropriated funding for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 Local Government Assistance Program and also the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 Community Water Enrichment Fund Program and also execute any and all documents should this grant be funded.

**THEREUPON**, the above resolution was declared adopted.

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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 August 12, 2019 at which time a quorum was present and voting.

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CYNTHIA MALLET, MMC  
TOWN CLERK  
TOWN OF IOWA

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by**, Julie Fontenot to approve Resolution 2019-09, Resolution authorizing Mayor Paul Hesse to enter into a contract with Julian Quebedeaux, for the video taping of Iowa Town Council Meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-09

Resolution authorizing Mayor Paul Hesse to enter into a contract with Julian Quebedeaux, for the videoing of Iowa Town Council meetings.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby authorize Mayor Paul Hesse to enter into a contract with Julian Quebedeaux, for the videoing of Iowa Town Council meetings.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by  
the Town Council of the Town of Iowa,  
Louisiana, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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PAUL HESSE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CYNTHIA MALLETT, TOWN CLERK

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to approve Class A Retail-Consumable/Retail High and Low Alcohol Permit to Kaplan Express, LLC d/b/a Rabbit Sports Bar, located at 816 Highway 90 East, Suite #A, Iowa, LA 70647. The motion carried unanimously.

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to introduce Ordinance No 2019-06, An Ordinance establishing certain building restrictions and regulations for the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, and providing for the administration and enforcement thereof. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hesse produced a proposal for the Tennis Court Renovations from Architecture Kudla. He recommended the town use this firm for the project and estimated a cost of \$100,000.00. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to enter into contract with Kudla Architecture for design and renovations of Tennis Court and to authorize Mayor Hesse to execute said contract. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hesse reported on the new construction/renovation plans for the baseball/softball fields and brought the Council up to date on what has been discussed with the Iowa Pony League.

## RESOLUTION 2019-11

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE TOWN OF IOWA  
COMMERCIAL WATER AND SEWER METER RATES  
EFFECTIVE AUGUST 13, 2019

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Iowa has installed commercial water meters servicing the commercial sector of the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Iowa recognizes that all non-residential customers have been classified as commercial and has caused civic organizations and low water consumption establishments to be rated the same as high water consumption businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Iowa hereby wishes to decrease the minimum base charge for all non-residential customers and establishes the following commercial rates for water and commercial rates for sewer to become effective for August 2019 billing cycle.

**COMMERICAL RATES**

<b>Water:</b>	<b>FROM:</b> \$40.00/3000 gallons [first 3000 gallons] \$ 3.00/1000 gallons [over minimum]
	<b>TO:</b> \$22.00/3000 gallons [first 3000 gallons] \$ 3.00/1000 gallons [over minimum]
<b>Sewer:</b>	<b>FROM:</b> \$45.00/5000 gallons [first 5000 gallons] \$ 2.75/1000 gallons [over minimum]
	<b>TO</b> \$29.00/5000 gallons [first 5000 gallons] \$ 2.75/1000 gallons [over minimum]

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Town Council Members for the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, in regular session this date does hereby set the Town's Commercial Water Rates for metered water consumption and Town's Commercial Sewer Rates.

The following Council Members voted:

YEA: Daniel Hennigan, Vernessa Guillory, and Julie Fontenot

NAY: none

ABSENT: Gerald Guidry and Joe Becnel

ABSTAIN: None

**WHEREAS**, this resolution was declared adopted on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

APPROVED:

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Paul Hesse, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cynthia Mallett, Municipal Clerk

Mr. Calvin Ceasar was present and came forward to request a no parking Ordinance on the north side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between Bower Avenue and Storer Avenue. Chief Vincent reported that there is an existing Ordinance concerning parking on the side of the street that will be enforced. With this said, Mr. Ceasar said his request will not be necessary.

Fire Chief Lewis presented report and updates for the month of July.

Police Chief Vincent presented monthly police report and updates for July.

Mayor Hesse gave an updated financial report.

Mr. Alex Savoie, representing Julian Quebedeaux, thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing them to provide the video tapping for the Town of Iowa.

It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to adjourn meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

ATTEST:

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Paul Hesse, Mayor

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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 September 9, 2019 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 2019-06

An Ordinance establishing certain building restrictions and regulations for the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, and providing for the administration and enforcement thereof

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.

