

Minutes  
Town of Iowa  
Regular Meeting  
115 N. Thomson  
July 9, 2018  
7:00 p.m.

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

Present: Mayor Carol Ponthieux; Council Members: Julie Fontenot, Larry Hardy, Gerald Guidry (quorum present)

Absent: Thomas Talbot, Errol Marshall

Invocation given by Mayor Ponthieux; followed by Pledge.

Approval of Minutes: Hardy motioned to approve June 11, 2018 and June 25, 2018 minutes as written; Fontenot seconded. Motion carried.

### **Agenda Items**

1. Condemnation Hearing on the following addresses:

511 N. Philbrick, 513 N. Philbrick and 414 S. Philbrick – property owners not present. Bouquet asks if all the landowners were contacted. If Council wishes to proceed at this time, recommends doing each separately. If property owner has failed to respond/appear, Council can proceed. In reference to property owner Carolyn Dunman, need to appoint an attorney as curator to see if property owner notice has been met. Bouquet wants to review all the documentation. Mayor asked how we appoint a curator. Town Attorney appoints curator. 414 S. Philbrick property owner returned certified letter notification. Thus, the property owner was notified. 511, 513 N. Philbrick did not respond to having received hearing notice. Mayor asked that Council proceed with condemnation procedures. Hardy motioned to proceed as per ordinance; Fontenot seconded. Motion carried. Bouquet wants to review all condemnation documents. Hardy motioned to approve curator for notification of owner of 513 N. Philbrick to appoint a curator to make notification to all property owners; Fontenot seconded. Motion carried. Public comments: Caesar, Lapearous

2. IVFD – Chief Lewis – reports, updates – Chief Lewis presented the stat report for the department. July 3<sup>rd</sup> fire department was involved in vehicle incident. Following procedures on this incident.

a. appoint Fire Board member – open position – this item has been rescinded by the Board Member.

3. David Brossett, Architect – park update, recommendations

a. change order for rain/weather days for Walking Path & Veterans Memorial – Gunter has requested a change order of ten days. Fontenot asked when they should have completed. Mayor says she has counted six weather days. Time period is from end of February to end of project. June 22<sup>nd</sup> is the completion date with this change order. Fontenot motioned to approve change order; Hardy seconded. Motion carried.

Public comment: Lapearous

b. substantial completion/clear lien period Walking Path and Veteran’s Memorial – substantial is not complete until final completion. Fontenot asked about drainage in certain areas. Fontenot motioned to approve Res. 2018-06; Guidry seconded. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-06**

A RESOLUTION accepting the substantial completion of Project No. 16048 BA, City Park Walking Path & Veterans Memorial, and authorizing the advertising of the lien period.

WHEREAS, Gunter Construction Inc. has substantially completed its contract with the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, for Project No. 16048 BA, City Park Walking Path & Veterans Memorial,

WHEREAS, Brossett Architect, LLC has informed the Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, that Gunter Construction Inc. has substantially completed its contract and that the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, should accept the said improvements as substantially complete from the said contractor and assume the maintenance of the same;

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

SECTION 1: All of the above and foregoing provisions are hereby made a part of this resolatory provision; and the Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, the governing authority of the said Town, does hereby accept from the said Gunter Construction Inc. as substantially completed, the heretofore described substantial completion of Project No. 16048 BA, City Park Walking Path & Veterans Memorial and the Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, does hereby accept said improvements for maintenance.

SECTION 2: The Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, does hereby authorize the running of a legal advertisement notifying lien holders affected, that the final payment will be made at the end of the lien period of forty-five (45) days.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at Iowa, Louisiana, on this the 9th day of July, 2018.

c. recommend for payment invoice #7 to Gunter Construction for \$132,907.50. Fontenot motioned to approve payment; Guidry seconded. Motion carried.

d. recommend for payment invoice #2 for Iowa Town Hall Upgrades for \$8581.50 to Gunter Construction for Town Hall upgrades. Fontenot motioned to approve payment; Hardy seconded. Motion carried.

4. Engineer – updates, reports, recommendations –

a. Res. 2018- 03 - substantial completion – acceptance for pipe bursting. They have done touch up except for some internal cleaning. Guidry motioned to approve; Hardy seconded. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-03**

A RESOLUTION accepting the substantial completion of Project No. I-2017-144, Pipe Bursting on Lambert Avenue from U.S. Highway 90 North to Second Street and on Second Street from Lambert Avenue East to Lightner Avenue, Town of Iowa, LA, and authorizing the advertising of the lien period.

WHEREAS, PM Construction & Rehab, LLC has substantially completed its contract with the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, for Project No. I-2017-144, Pipe Bursting on Lambert Avenue from U.S. Highway 90 North to Second Street and on Second Street from Lambert Avenue East to Lightner Avenue, Town of Iowa, LA,

WHEREAS, D. W. Jessen & Associates, L.L.C. has informed the Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, that PM Construction & Rehab, LLC has substantially completed its contract and that the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, should accept the said improvements as substantially complete from the said contractor and assume the maintenance of the same;

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

SECTION I: All of the above and foregoing provisions are hereby made a part of this resolatory provision; and the Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, the governing authority of the said Town, does hereby accept from the said PM Construction & Rehab, LLC as substantially completed, the heretofore described substantial completion of Project No. I-2017-144, Pipe Bursting on Lambert Avenue from U.S. Highway 90 North to Second Street and on Second Street from Lambert Avenue East to Lightner Avenue, Town of Iowa, LA and the Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, does hereby accept said improvements for maintenance.

SECTION 2: The Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, does hereby authorize the running of a legal advertisement notifying lien holders affected, that the final payment will be made at the end of the lien period of forty-five (45) days.

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b. authorization to advertise for bid once plans completed for Harper Street Reconstruction - From Hwy 165 North to Dead End and Marion Street Reconstruction - from Harper Street to Barkley Street; Ash Street - Woodland south to cul-de-sac. Fontenot motioned to approve for advertisement of bids; Hardy seconded. Motion carried.

Public comment: Lapearous

5. Police Dept. – updates, reminders, recommendations – Kristi Juarez presented information for department. Recommend Ashly Shortridge for P.T. temporary dispatcher. Guidry motioned to approve recommendation on hiring of Shortridge; Hardy seconded. Motion carried.

6. Advisory note – former Magistrate David Olney will sub while current Magistrate is on medical leave.

Financials presented

Sign checks: Talbot

There being no further business, Hardy motioned to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.; Fontenot seconded. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Sandra Turley, CMC

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Carol Ponthieux, Mayor