

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

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

Present: Mayor Carol Ponthieux; Julie Fontenot, Larry Hardy, Thomas Talbot, Gerald Guidry (quorum present) Absent: Errol Marshall

Invocation: Given by Mayor Ponthieux, followed by Pledge.

Approval of minutes:

March 06, 2018 - Talbot motioned to approve the minutes as written; Guidry seconded. Motion carried. [Fontenot not present for the voting – stepped outside of Council Chambers]

March 12, 2018 – Talbot motioned to approve the minutes as written; Hardy seconded. Motion carried.

**Agenda Items**

1. Cornell Thomas – Iowa Library – strategic planning community meeting – this community meeting will be held Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> 10 a.m. Margie Harrison then explained there is a survey being conducted by the Library staff to help determine how the Iowa library can best serve the community. Encourages everyone in the community to fill out the survey. [Fontenot returned to Council room] Looking for input from our communities. Mayor relayed thanks to the library for doing a good job.

2. David Brossett –updates, recommendation

a. Authorize Mayor to sign the contracts on City Hall renovations - Brossett stated contract documents are being prepared and once Mr. Bouquet reviews them we are asking for Mayor be given authorization to sign. The bid was \$84,000. Looking at about 4 months to complete but exact date time will be discussed at preconstruction meeting. Talbot motioned and Guidry seconded to approve and authorize Mayor to sign documents. Motion carried.

Public comments: Calvin Caesar commented.

b. Recommend payment #3 to Gunter Construction for Walking Path/Veterans Memorial for \$29,520. Talbot motioned to approve payment; Fontenot seconded. Motion carried.

c. Application for payment of retainage for Iowa Park Restrooms to Gunter Construction in the amount of \$21,280 - Talbot motioned to approve payment; Guidry seconded. Motion carried.

3. IVFD Chief Joseph “Scooter” Lewis presents report, updates – Chief Lewis presented department stats. Department beginning hurricane preparedness including water rescue.

a. payment for medical calls - assisting us with medical calls. Current fire board cannot fund us for medical calls and volunteers currently receive no stipend for such emergency calls. Mayor says it is not factored into current fiscal year budget. As we begin preparation for FY18/19 budget this issue will be reviewed. If there is no provision in the current Fire contract for such, Council can take it under review as to whether to include. Mayor requests information on estimated medical calls. Chief

Lewis stated Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> is when EMS calls began. An estimate from that date to current date will be provided.

4. CEA between CPPJ and Town for LiHeap - Federal/State program for low income energy assistance which is administered through human services of the CPPJ. Talbot motioned to approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Town of Iowa and Calcasieu Parish Police Jury for LiHeap services; Hardy seconded. Motion carried.

Public comment: Calvin Caesar, Jerry Lapearous

5. Mouton Blue Heron RV park – plans – Alex Guillory is the engineer on the project. Plans submitted to DHH and DOTD. Received permit from DOTD. Still awaiting drainage impact statement from DOTD. Jessen reviewed plans and all seems in order. Master meter to be installed. Infrastructure to be maintained by developer/owner. Town will make sure of secure connection. Jessen recommends acceptance. Guidry asked Mouton if he's going to do all at one time rather than in phases. There will be 50 spots provided in the RV Park. One entrance and exit. Mouton explained why no privacy fence on all sides. On West side no problem as there is no home development. East side he intends to at least partially make it more private and a little more secure. Dumpster will be fenced but have not decided how exactly. There will be one water meter for entire complex. Hardy, motioned to accept the RV Park Blue Heron plans; Guidry seconded. Motion carried. Jessen suggests a final acceptance in order to protect the connection to the Town's system.

Public comment: Jerry Lapearous

6. Engineer's Report – recommendations/updates -
    - a. Adam Miller – regarding duplex construction on Hampton Lane – he owns land on Hampton Lane and would like to divide into lots and build duplexes. Preliminary sketch drawn. Proposes to build a total of six. Wants to get all his dirt work done soon. Mayor suggest Mr. Miller sit down with Town Engineer and bring a sketch.
    - b. Cary McKee – subdividing of property on Railroad into six lots – McKee Terrace is the name of subdivision. McKee wants 85 ft. of useable space from north to south. He wants the easement reduced to 10 feet rather than 15 ft. recommended by Jessen. McKee says telephone poll is 13 ft. from roadway. He is hoping for ten feet on south, east and rear and sewer line of 10 ft. in order to be able to allow for 80 feet in length manufactured homes. He also request variance of 57.5 foot rather than 60 feet. Jessen stated the reason for 15ft. requirement – he does this because of power company's requirement. Jessen tells McKee to get with power company (Entergy) to verify adequate clearance. Talbot motioned if McKee brings written release from power company, Entergy, that the 10 ft. easement is adequate and allows it, then McKee can proceed forward; Fontenot seconded. Motion carried. Sewer is now another issue: Jessen says a line between lot 3 &4 is in place. In the event something happens – recommending keep existing line in case it is needed. Jessen says this line is a backup for John Dale. Brad needs to review. McKee stated there is a 10ft easement and nothing will be built on that line. McKee ask for variance of lot width – Talbot motioned to approve variance request on lots 4, 5, 6 of McKee Terrace Subdivision; Guidry seconded. Motion carried.
    - c. Belinda Sias – request variance for placement of structure on W. Alley – lot is 82.5 x 60 ft. which equals less than 6,000. Guidry motions to approve variance in order to allow home to be moved onto this lot; 509 W. Alley; Talbot seconded. Motion carried.
- Jessen gave update on pipe bursting project. Recommends payment to PM Construction Partial Pay Est. #1 in the amount of \$271,479.42 - Talbot motioned to approve payment; Guidry seconded. Motion carried.



9. Police Department – updates, reminders, reports, recommendations – Chief Vincent reviewed the department stats. Guidry motioned to accept the following three to police reserves; Talbot seconded. Motion carried.

a. Three new additions to Police Reserves – approval

Theresa Patrick (FT Dispatcher) to Reserve officer on 3/26/18

Timothy Hartman on 3/26/18

Brandon Guillory on 3/26/18

Hardy motioned to adjourn at 8:33 pm.; Talbot seconded. Motion carried.

Financials presented to Council  
Guidry to sign checks

ATTEST:

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Sandra Turley, CMC

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Carol Ponthieux, Mayor