

Minutes
Town of Iowa
Regular Meeting
115 N. Thomson
November 12, 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, Errol Marshall, Thomas Talbot (quorum present)

Absent: Gerald Guidry

Invocation given by Mayor Ponthieux; followed by Pledge.

Approval of Minutes - Hardy motioned to approve minutes of October 8, 2018 as written; Marshall seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda Items

1. Mike Duvall - Request to sale fireworks in corporate limits – Mr. Duvall appeared before Council to request permission to sell fireworks inside the corporate limits for New Years and 4th July. People want fireworks and it will generate revenue for town. Mr. Duval's contention is that people will buy somewhere. Wants to be in town because he wants the traffic. Talbot asked if Duvall had looked just outside town limits. Hardy said he is concerned about individuals seeing as a reason to pop them in the corporate limits. Marshall would rather look at the entire ordinance. Fontenot is concerned about the mixed message. Council did not grant permission
2. Update on 108 S. Storer, Condemnation process: Gene Bouquet updated the Council on this property. A curator, Mike McHale, was appointed and has replied. Curator did follow the legal procedure regarding locating property owner(s)/heirs. He submitted report and invoice. Fontenot asked what the timeline from this point forward is. Bouquet said condemnation inspection by parish is next step. Fees can be recouped at the point of lien filing. Hardy motioned to proceed in the condemnation process; Talbot seconded. Motion carried.
Public comment: Calvin Caesar indicated he knew of someone connected with said property and would have him or her contact Town Hall.
3. IVFD – Chief Lewis to present fire department report, updates, recommendations – Chief Lewis presented the department stats for month of October. Twenty-four hours of training completed for the month. Recommended everyone check their smoke detectors and change batteries out. Fire Prevention presentation to J.I. Watson and Kids Country regarding fire safety conducted. Mark Lewis completed hazmat training and is closer to state certified fire fighter. Mayor offered congratulations to Mark Lewis.
4. Architect David Brossett – present and update Council
 - a. Iowa Town Hall Upgrades: Change Order 1- a few changes reduced the project cost by \$4,059.29 cents. Talbot motioned to approve the change order; Marshall seconded. Motion carried. Recommendation of completion of the project Town Hall update. Punch list attached. Marshall motioned to accept as substantial completion; Talbot seconded. Motion carried. Recommend for approval payment of invoice #6 to Gunter Construction for Iowa Town Hall project for \$16,902.00 with a retainage still held for \$8400.00 Talbot motioned to approve the invoice; Hardy seconded. Motion carried.
 - b. Iowa Veteran's Memorial and Walking Path - presented Architect Invoice #1307 for \$9,617.00. Talbot motioned to approve payment; Hardy seconded. Motion carried. Contractor requesting retainage amount for \$39,800. Mayor asked if the ponding on the walking track corrected. Fontenot asked what would be done to elevate it. Brossett said Gunter to address the issue by changing

elevation. Contractor stated will address this ponding issue. Mayor reminded those present of the recent dedication and thanked those who contributed to the success. Talbot motioned to approve payment of the retainage; Hardy seconded. Motion carried.

5. Engineer – updates, reports, recommendations on Town -

a. Project updates – Jessen updated: Sewer pipe bursting – Horseshoe Construction awarded the project. Pre construction meeting scheduled for Dec. 27th at 10:00 a.m. at Town Hall. Iowa N. Lightner drainage project – surveying beginning. Street repair project: RC Paving – pre construction meeting held. Doing soil testing to determine cement. Ash Street will be the first street in the project. Flyers distributed to residents on the street. Currently working on plans for maintenance at water plant.

6. CEA – Renewal with S.A.N.E. – Marshall motioned to approve; Hardy seconded. Motion carried.

7. CEA – Financial assistance between C.P.P.J. with Town of Iowa for purchase of SAM sign trailer – Chief Vincent explained the item and its function. Operated by solar and battery and collects data in a target area of traffic flow. Friendly way of reminding drivers to slow down. Thanked Police Juror Sharon Latour for assistance in obtaining this grant. Marshall motioned to approve and authorize Mayor to sign; Talbot seconded. Motion carried.

8. Police Department – Reports, Recommendations, Updates – Chief Vincent presented stats for his department.

a. Updates:

Halloween: No incidents

Shanee Gaspard promoted to Sergeant

Brandon Guillory transferred from Reserve to Full Time Officer on October 26, 2018 –

Talbot motioned to accept recommendations; Hardy seconded. Motion carried.

Iowa PD & Iowa FD fingerprinted over 240 kids at J.I. Watson for the safety program

Mayor gave Thanksgiving wishes. Town Hall closed next Thursday, Friday. Mayor stated Town is looking for recommendation for Volunteer Fire Department Board Member. Must reside inside the corporate limits of the Town. Police Jury makes two appointments and Town makes two appoints. Mr. Phil Mallett was the appointee who resigned.

Financials given

Sign checks – Talbot

Talbot motioned to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.; Marshall seconded. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Sandra Turley, CMC

Carol Ponthieux, Mayor