

**Minutes
Special Meeting
Town of Iowa
December 19, 2018
115 N. Thomson Ave.
7:00 p.m.**

Mayor and Town Council met for a special session this date in compliance with all requirements to notice.

Present: Carol Ponthieux, Mayor; Council Members: Julie Fontenot, Larry Hardy, Thomas Talbot, Gerald Guidry [quorum present]

Absent: Errol Marshall

AGENDA

1. Ordinance 2018- 09 – setting salary for elected Council Members – this ordinance setting salary for newly elected officials. Change is effective January 1, 2019. Mayor adjourned regular meeting at 6:04 p.m. for conducting a public hearing.

a. Public hearing – Mayor asked for public comments. There being none the public hearing ended at 6:05 p.m.

b. Action/vote – regular meeting resumed. Talbot motioned to accept ordinance; Hardy seconded. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2018-09

**An ordinance setting the compensation of Council Member
as required by Chapter 2, Administration, of the Code of Ordinances
of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana; Providing for the fixing of the salary of Council Member**

WHEREAS, the Town Code of ordinances provides the salary of elected Council Members will be set by the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, upon discussion and taking into account years of inflation there is a need to modify the salary of elected Council Members.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF IOWA, that:

Sec. 2-65 Compensation of elected Council Members - that effective January 1, 2019 by this ordinance the compensation due an elected Council Member of Iowa, shall be the sum of \$5,040.00 [\$420.00 monthly] annually.

The above and foregoing addition to the Code of Ordinances, Town of Iowa, Louisiana, has been read and adopted and is only intended as an addition to said Ordinances and the remaining Ordinances and the past enacted are still in full force and effect.

The foregoing ordinance was read and considered as a whole. A vote thereon was called for, with the following results.

YEAS: Talbot, Hardy, Fontenot, Guidry
NAYS: none
ABSENT: Marshall
ABSTAIN: none

WHEREUPON, the ordinance was declared adopted on the 19th day of December 2018.

2. Farewell to outgoing elected officials - Mayor presented plaques to outgoing members Larry Hardy and Thomas Talbot. Mr. Errol Marshall was not able to attend. Each received a town pin and key. Mayor thanked all for their dedication for serving the Town of Iowa.

Larry Hardy stated he enjoyed serving this Town and its citizens for eighteen years. He reviewed his service as District B Council Member. He complimented incoming District B Council Member, Joe Becnel by saying he will do an excellent job.

Thomas Talbot commented on how he became Council Member for District D by being asked to run for the unexpired term of Racca. He was convinced to run by Racca, Guidry and Hardy. He has served for a sixteen years. I wanted to address sewer and drainage and I believe we are addressing sewer but drainage will take a joint effort among agencies to try to resolve it. Daniel Hennigan is new Council Member for District D and I feel he will be an asset to the Council and citizens of Iowa.

Town Clerk presented a plaque to Mayor Ponthieux in recognition of her dedicated service as Mayor from 2011 – 2018. Hardy thanked Mayor Carol Ponthieux for what she has done for this Town.

Mayor Ponthieux and Council recognizes Elsie Lane's dedication to the Town for completing the three years to become a certified Louisiana Municipal Clerk. She has devoted the last three years to accomplish this goal. Hardy and Talbot stated it is their hope this training/knowledge will not be for naught.

Town Clerk, Sandra Turley offered her thanks to the governing body for the twenty-one years she has served the Town and its citizens. Council in return thanked her.

December 27, at 6:30 p.m. set for swearing in ceremony for newly elected incoming officials.

There being no further business Talbot motioned to adjourn at 6:17 p.m.; Hardy seconded. Motion carried.

The Town offered refreshments for the attending public.

ATTEST:

Sandra Turley, CMC

Carol Ponthieux, Mayor