

Minutes
Town of Iowa
Regular Meeting
115 N. Thomson
December 11, 2017
7:00 p.m.

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

Present: Council Members: Julie Fontenot, Larry Hardy, Thomas Talbot, Gerald Guidry (quorum present)

Absent: Mayor Carol Ponthieux, Councilman Errol Marshall

Due to illness, Mayor Ponthieux was absent. Mayor Pro-Tem Guidry conducted the meeting.

Invocation: Larry Hardy, followed by Pledge.

Talbot motioned to approve minutes of November 13, 2017 as written; Hardy seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda Items

1. Open bids – pipe bursting project – CDBG grant – the following bids were opened and read aloud:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
All bidders presented license number and bid bond attached.	
Horseshoe Construction -	\$569,150.00
PM Construction	\$457,540.00
MPB Construction	\$504,785.75

Engineer Jessen recommends take bids under advisement to review for lowest responsible bidder and concurrence with LCDBG.

Public comments: Jerry Lapearous, Calvin Caesar

Hardy motioned to accept lowest bidder based on all being in order after review and acceptance by LCDBG and to authorize Mayor to sign necessary paperwork; Talbot seconded. Motion carried.

2. David Brossett, Architect – recommendations, updates on Town projects -
 - a. invoice payment approval to Brossett Architect, LLC - final payment for Park restroom; A/E fee - Walking Path/Veterans Memorial – 75% (\$28,849)
Hardy motioned to approve final payment to Brossett on Park Restroom project [invoice #1262] for \$5,439.00; Talbot seconded.
Hardy motioned to pay Architect A/E fee to Brossett for \$28,849 for Walking Path/Veterans Memorial; Fontenot seconded. Motion carried.
 - b. Walking Path/Veterans Memorial – authorize Mayor to sign contract - \$398,000 low bid –Gunter Construction – Hardy motioned to authorize Mayor Ponthieux to sign contract; Talbot seconded. Motion carried.
 - c. Town Hall update – bids to be received Jan. 8th meeting - bids will be received at the January 2018 meeting and will proceed from there.

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3. Approve renewal agreement between CPSO Tax Division and Town of Iowa – this renewal of current contract in place for property tax. Talbot motioned to approve and authorized Mayor to sign; Hardy seconded. Motion carried.
4. Fire Department report – Chief Lewis to present report – Chief Lewis presented the department report. Fire department will now be responding to medical calls inside Town limits as of December 11th. Acadia is now back to being 24/7 in town location.
5. Engineer – reports, updates, recommendations on Town projects -
 - a. Shane Cormier – regarding 403 S. Knapp subdividing regarding service lines/sewer easement and right of access – two lots going east and west. Has met with PW about water, sewer line. New sewer from residence on Knapp St. needed because the sewer line would be under footprint of new home construction. Will have to get instrument showing sewer easement for the benefit of the property on Knapp. Currently the property is still as one ownership. The schedule is to partition the property in the future. Cormiers will pay to do the new sewer line. New line will be a private line. Bouquet says there needs to be a servitude established. Bouquet asked when division would happen. Cormier did not know.
Existing sewer line would cross where Cormier wants to build new house construction. The new house will have a Third St. address. Jessen: grant he can move forward. Bouquet informed Cormier ordinances of the Town must be followed. Bouquet says at this point no action required. Council feels donation should happen sooner than later. Bouquet also told Cormier it would be best to have the division and lot recorded in their name as it affords them protection of their property/home.
6. Set date for special meeting regarding audit presentation – Council agreed to Dec. 18th at 6:00 p.m.
7. Police Department – updates, reminder, reports, recommendations - Chief Vincent presented his department stats. Fontenot asked if anyone has applied for Ordinance Enforcement Officer. Chief indicated this is under review. Chief Vincent indicated Town ordinances need review. Town Clerk recommends codification be considered since last one was over ten years ago. Normally, codification is conducted every ten years.

There being no further business Hardy motioned to adjourn at 7:39 p.m.; Talbot seconded. Motion carried.

Sign Checks – Guidry

Council offered no questions on financials.

ATTEST:

Sandra Turley, CMC

Carol Ponthieux, Mayor