

Minutes
Regular Meeting
115 N. Thomson, Iowa, LA 70647
City Hall Meeting Room
July 13, 2020
7:00 p.m.

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

Present: Mayor Paul Hesse; Council Members: Julie Fontenot, Vernessa Guillory, Joe Becnel, and Daniel Hennigan; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; Chief of Police Keith Vincent; Town Attorney Eugene Bouquet; and about 3 citizens. Absent: Council Member Gerald Guidry;

Invocation by Council Member Joe Becnel, followed by Pledge.

Mayor Hesse announced a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to amend agenda to add:

1. Motion to approve a beer/liquor permit of high and low alcohol to Noorali Lalani d/b/a Zarape Taco Shop located at 617 N Thomson Avenue, STE. B, Iowa, LA 70647, effective upon approval of State of Louisiana Alcohol Permit.

The motion passed unanimously.

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to adopt amended agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan **seconded by** Joe Becnel, to approve June 24, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes as written not read. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A. Mr. Walt Jessen, Engineer, submitted the list of bids opened July 9, 2020 for project No.I-2020-177, Sewer Line Rehabilitation of Helen and Barkley Street Area. He recommended the Council award the project to the lowest bidder, E. B. Feucht in the amount of 147,320.00. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to award the project to E. B. Feucht. The motion passed unanimously.
B. It was **moved by** Joe Becnel, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to approve preliminary plans as presented by Joseph & Stephanie Armentor for a re-subdivision of Lots 1 and 3 of Block 15 west of Thomson Avenue to be called Castlewood Subdivision. The motion passed unanimously.
C. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to pay partial pay Estimate No. 2 to R. Cloud Construction Co. in the amount of \$23,235.84. The motion passed unanimously.
D. It was **moved by** Vernessa Guillory, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to approve Engineer's Invoice #2 for Project No. I-2016-133, Piping Manifold Improvements Project in the amount of \$1,327.41. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Water and Sewer Supervisor James Hardy gave his monthly report of activities.
3. Street and Drainage Maintenance Supervisor Clayton Aymond gave his monthly report of activities.
4. Chief Lewis was not present to present report/updates. His paper report was submitted to the council.

5. Chief of Police Keith Vincent came forward and gave his monthly report of activities. Council Members asked questions about the grass cutting violations. Chief Vincent explained the legal procedure before the grass can be cut. Council Member Hennigan reported a request made by a citizen concerning a 4 way stop sign in Ash Ridge Subdivision. Discussion was had about possibly amending the ordinance if needed.
6. Chief of Police Keith Vincent requested the Council to approve the demotion of Shanee Gaspard from Sergeant to Senior Corporal. Officer Gaspard was not present. Town Attorney Eugene Bouquet asked if Officer Gaspard had been given notice that this would be discussed at this meeting. Chief Vincent and Officer Grabert stated that Officer Gaspard was given verbal notice of the date and time of the meeting and told her that she had the right to appeal the demotion. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to demote Shanee Gaspard from Sergeant to Senior Corporal. Daniel Hennigan recused himself from the vote of this motion. The motion passed. Chief Vincent asked Council to amend the agenda for a recommendation for the promotion of Keelan Poullard.
7. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **Seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to amend the agenda to add: Motion to Promote Keelan Poullard from PFC to Corporal. The motion passed unanimously.
8. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **Seconded by** Julie Fontenot to promote Keelan Poullard from PFC to Corporal. The motion passed unanimously.
9. It was **moved by** Joe Becnel, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to approve Resolution No. 2020-06, A resolution ratifying the actions and State of Emergency by Paul Hesse, Mayor of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana before, during and after the COVID-19 Pandemic. The motion passed.

RESOLUTION # 2020-06

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE ACTIONS AND STATE OF
EMERGENCY BY PAUL HESSE, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF IOWA,
LOUISIANA BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE COVID-19
PANDEMIC

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF IOWA, LOUISIANA, in regular session convened on the 13th day of July 2020, that:

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2020, in order to minimize the outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the Town of Iowa, the Mayor declared a "State of Emergency". A copy of said Declaration of State of Emergency is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Iowa Town Council does hereby ratify the Mayor's Declaration of the State of Emergency.

THIS RESOLUTION having been read and submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Joe Becnel, Vernessa Guillory, Julie Fontenot

NAYS: Daniel Hennigan

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Gerald Guidry

THUS ADOPTED AND APPROVED in a regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana on this 13th day of July, 2020.

PAUL HESSE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CYNTHIA MALLET, TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF IOWA
Mayor's Executive Order

DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR
THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS
OF THE TOWN OF IOWA

WHEREAS, in order to minimize the outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the Town of Iowa, immediate emergency action is required to minimize the potential to the population in the Town of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, in March 2020, the world Health Organization designated the COVID-19 outbreak as a worldwide pandemic and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is responding to an outbreak of a respiratory disease caused by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of emergency is necessary to allow the Town of Iowa to thoroughly prepare for and respond to this pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Paul Hesse, Mayor of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, by the authority vested by the laws of the State of Louisiana and Iowa Code of Ordinances, do hereby order and direct as follows:

- Section 1: A State of Emergency is declared to exist in the Town of Iowa as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak as a worldwide pandemic.
- Section 2: The following procedures will be made to protect the public safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Iowa:
- The purchase of additional supplies.
 - Utilizing all available resources of the municipality as reasonably necessary to cope with the emergency.
 - Transferring the direction, personnel, or functions of municipal departments and agencies or units thereof for the purpose of performing or facilitating emergency services.
 - Controlling ingress and egress to and from the affected area, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises therein.
- Section 3: Due to the extreme emergency the Town of Iowa has declared an emergency caused by the COVID-19 outbreak the provisions of the Louisiana Revised Statute concerning public bid law for the purchases and acquisitions listed are waived.
- Section 4: The declaration of the public emergency shall be published in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute as required by law.

Section 5: This Executive Order is made retroactive from March 30, 2020 and shall continue until such time as amended, modified or terminated.

In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand In Iowa, Louisiana, on this the 13th day of July, 2020.

ATTEST:

PAUL HESSE, MAYOR

CYNTHIA MALLET, TOWN CLERK

10. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to approve a beer/liquor permit of high and low alcohol to Noorali Lanlani d/b/a Zarape Taco Shop located at 617 N Thomson Avenue, STE. B, Iowa, LA 70647, with limitations as stated in Ordinance 2003-07, when there are not any dances or sporting activities sponsored by Iowa High School or organizations associated with Iowa High School. Motion passed unanimously. The Council requested all businesses that have this restriction be given notice that this restriction will be discussed at the August regular Council meeting.
11. Mayor Hesse gave the financial report.
12. Mayor Hesse told Council Members that Mr. Kudla, Architect, submitted a letter with an estimated cost of total billings not to exceed \$8500.00 for the master development plan of the park with an emphasis on the parking and ball field areas as well as construction cost projections.
13. No further business to discuss, it was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

Paul Hesse, Mayor

Cynthia Mallett, MMC

