

**Minutes  
Public Hearing  
115 N. Thomson, Iowa, LA 70647  
City Hall Meeting Room  
August 24, 2020  
7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Paul Hesse called a public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. Present was Mayor Hesse; Council Members Joe Becnel, Daniel Hennigan, and Vernessa Guillory; Town Attorney communicated by telephone; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; Chief of Police Keith Vincent; and no citizens.

Mayor read the following item:

To consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopt the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum. Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or comments. Nobody had any questions or comments.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:02 p.m.

**Minutes  
Special Public Meeting  
115 N. Thomson, Iowa, LA 70647  
City Hall Meeting Room  
August 24, 2020  
7:02 p.m.**

Mayor Paul Hesse and Town Council met in special 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 by telephone; and no citizens. Absent was 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 7:02 pm.

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to amend agenda to add, Local Government Proclamation of State of Emergency. The motion passed unanimously.

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to adopt the amended agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

It was **moved by** Joe Becnel **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory, to correct written submitted minutes of regular meeting August 10, 2020; under New Business, #1., second paragraph to read: Mr. Jessen recommended the council approve the third payment on the project to R. Cloud Construction in the amount of \$79,824.96; and to approve minutes of regular meeting August 10, 2020 as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Hesse read the following resolution. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to approve Resolution #2020-07, Adopt the adjusted millage rate(s). The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Iowa of the Parish of Calcasieu, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on June 10, 2019, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following **adjusted** millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2020, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE

General Alimony (5094 001) \_\_\_\_\_ 5.590 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Calcasieu, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2019 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Julie Fontenot, Vernessa Guillory, Joe Becnel, and Daniel Hennigan

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Gerald Guidry

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the meeting held on August 24, 2020, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Iowa, Louisiana, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

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(Signature of authorized person of the taxing district)

Mayor Hesse read the following Resolution. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to approve Resolution #2020-08, set forth the adjusted millage rate(s) and roll forward to millage rate(s) not exceeding the maximum authorized rate(s).

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-08

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Iowa, of the Parish of Calcasieu, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on August 24, 2020 which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2020, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rate(s) are:

	<u>Adjusted Rate</u>	<u>2020 Levy</u>
<u>General Alimony (5094 001)</u>	<u>5.570</u> mills	<u>5.590</u> mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Calcasieu, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2020 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B). The votes were:

YEAS: Julie Fontenot, Daniel Hennigan, Joe Becnel, and Vernessa Guillory

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Gerald Guidry

#### CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the meeting held on August 24, 2020, at which meeting at least two-thirds of the total membership was present and voting.

Iowa, Louisiana, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020

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(Signature of authorized person of the taxing district)

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to name Lake Charles American Press as Town of Iowa's Official Journal. The motion passed unanimously.

It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to approve Local Government Proclamation State of Emergency. The motion passed unanimously.

No further business to discuss, it was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Paul Hesse, Mayor

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Cynthia Mallett, MMC

