

Minutes
Regular Meeting
115 N. Thomson, Iowa, LA 70647
City Hall Meeting Room
May 11, 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 1 citizen. 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 7:05 pm.

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

1. Motion to pay Partial Pay #4 for Project I-2018-159. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Motion to discuss baseball field improvements. The motion passed unanimously.

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

It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan, to approve April 13, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as written not read. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Walt Jessen, Engineer, was not present. Mayor announced the Tennis Courts will be completed soon. Also, he will be planning some work on adding fire hydrants in certain areas of town as needed.
2. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to pay Partial Pay #4 to McManus for project I-2018-159. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Mayor announced Bid opening for Barkley Street Reconstruction held on April 27, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. had one bid submitted. He recommended the council reject the bid because it wasn't within the cost expected. It was recommended, by the engineer, that the project be split between streets and sewer repairs and will be advertised separately. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to reject the only bid from R. Cloud Construction. The motion passed unanimously.

It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to approve Change Order #1 for Project #I-2018-159 North Lightner Avenue Drainage Improvements from David Street North to Lateral L-14. The motion carried unanimously.

4. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to apply for the Lake Charles Tourism Enhancement/Development Zone Grant, TEDZ, in the amount of \$16,000.00 for Park equipment and to authorize Mayor Paul Hesse to execute all documents. The motion passed unanimously.
5. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to table item #5 introduction of Ordinance 2020-02, An Ordinance Adopting Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 until the special meeting at which time the budget should be ready for public viewing. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Hesse talked about some of the budget amounts, the revenues, expenditures, and cut-backs

needed to balance the FY 20-21 budget. Mayor Hesse asked the council at this time to discuss the baseball field improvements as requested. Council Member Daniel Hennigan asked if it would be possible to hire Mr. Kuddla draw up plans to build additional baseball fields and make good use of the land that is presently set aside for the baseball fields. There was discussion about the cost of engineering fees on baseball fields and New Police Station. Mayor announced that the special meeting will be Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

6. Chief Lewis was not present to present report/updates. His report was delivered to the council on paper.
7. Chief of Police Vincent came forward and gave his monthly report of activities. Chief asked the Council to add to the agenda to promote PTN 1st Class Rodney Daigle to Corporeal. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to add this request to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
8. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to promote PTN 1st Class Rodney Daigle to Corporeal. The motion passed unanimously.
9. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to approve the donation of 2010 Ford Crown Vic to Pine Prairie Police Department and to authorize Mayor Paul Hesse to execute Act of Donation. The motion passed unanimously.
10. Mayor Hesse gave the financial report.
11. 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 8:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Paul Hesse, Mayor

Cynthia Mallett, MMC