

**Minutes  
Public Hearing  
Town of Iowa  
115 N. Thomson  
December 14, 2020  
Iowa, La  
7:00 p.m.**

There was present Mayor Hesse; Council Members: Daniel Hennigan, Gerald Guidry, Julie Fontenot, Joe Becnel, and Vernessa Guillory; Also, present was Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; Town Attorney, Eugene Bouquet; Chief of Police Keith Vincent; Fire Chief Lewis; Sewer Superintendent James Hardy; Street and Maintenance Supervisor, Clayton Aymond and about 3 citizens.

Mayor Paul Hesse opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 pm. Mayor Hesse read proposed Ordinance 2020-06, An ordinance to revoke section 47-8 of the Town of Iowa Municipal Code of Ordinances and asked if anyone had questions or comments. No questions or comments were made.

Mayor Hesse read proposed Ordinance 2020-07, An ordinance to amend section 47-9 subpart (B) to add another intersection stop sign, yield signs. He asked if there were any questions or comments. No questions or comments were made.

Mayor Hesse closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

**Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
115 N. Thomson, Iowa, LA 70647  
City Hall Meeting Room  
December 14, 2020  
7:05 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: Joe Becnel, Gerald Guidry, Vernessa Guillory, Julie Fontenot, and Daniel Hennigan; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; Town Attorney Eugene Bouquet; Chief of Police Keith Vincent; Fire Chief Lewis; and about 3 citizens.

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 adopt agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Joe Becnel to approve November 9, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as written not read. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Citizen Michael Higginbotham/Carl Webb, Trailer & Lot, 405 S. Philbrick made a prior request to appear before the Mayor and Council. He was not present.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Hesse read the title of Ordinance 2020-06. It was **moved by** Joe Becnel, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to adopt Ordinance 2020-06. The motion passed unanimously.

## ORDINANCE 2020-06

### AN ORDINANCE TO REVOKE SECTION 47-8 OF THE TOWN OF IOWA MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES

**WHEREAS**, Damage caused to school buildings, from the two major hurricanes, Laura and Delta, has made it necessary to change the way of traffic flow to a section of town, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Iowa has a responsibility to maintain and provide safety to citizens of the Town of Iowa, and;

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Town of Iowa, for safety and traffic control issues, to eliminate one-way streets as ordained in Section 47-8:

1<sup>st</sup> Street between Thomson Avenue and South Welty Street, running east, said streets to include the 200 block of South Kinney and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between South Kinney Avenue and Thomson Avenue.

2<sup>nd</sup> Street between South Lightner and Thomson Avenue.

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and the Iowa Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, that Section 47-8 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Iowa, is hereby revoked and;

**FURTHERMORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and the Iowa Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, the above described streets will become two-way streets.

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 Ordinances are still in full force and effect.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on November 9, 2020, the title having been read and appropriate public advertisement completed.

The above ordinance was adopted at a duly convened meeting on motion of Joe Becnel, seconded by Daniel Hennigan, upon a vote taken as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

WHEREUPON, the presiding officer declared the above Ordinance duly adopted on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

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**PAUL HESSE, MAYOR**

I certify that the above ordinance was presented to the Mayor by me on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

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**CYNTHIA MALLETT, TOWN CLERK**

I, acknowledge receipt of the above ordinance from the Town Clerk on this 65<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

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PAUL HESSE, MAYOR

I, hereby approve the above ordinance on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

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PAUL HESSE, MAYOR

I certify that the above ordinance was received by me from the Mayor on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

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CYNTHIA MALLET, TOWN CLERK

Mayor Hesse read the title of Ordinance 2020-07. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to adopt Ordinance 2020-07. The motion passed unanimously.

## **ORDINANCE 2020-07**

### **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 47-9 SUBPART (B) TO ADD ANOTHER INTERSECTION STOP SIGN, YIELD SIGNS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and the Iowa Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, that Section 47-9 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Iowa, is hereby amended to add two (2) stop signs at (1) intersection to subpart b of said section as follows:

Sec. 47-9 (b). Stop signs within the ambit of the Louisiana Highway Regulatory Act shall be posed at the following intersection:

**(addition) Stop sign intersection of: S. Kinney Street and E First Street, north bound and west bound, making a four way stop**

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 Ordinances are still in full force and effect.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on November 9, 2020, the title having been read and appropriate public advertisement completed.

The above ordinance was adopted at a duly convened meeting on motion of Julie Fontenot, seconded by Vernessa Guillory, upon a vote taken as follows:

YEAS: Julie Fontenot, Vernessa Guillory, Daniel Hennigan, Gerald Guidry, and Joe Becnel  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

WHEREUPON, the presiding officer declared the above Ordinance duly adopted on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

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Mr. Walt Jessen gave a report on Sewer Line Rehabilitation of Helen and Barkley Street project; and recommended the Town Council to approve change order no. 2 for I-2020-177 Sewer Line Rehabilitation of Helen and Barkley Street. It was **moved by**, Julie Fontenot **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to approve change order no. 2 for I-2020-177.

Mr. Jessen announced the low bid for Project No. I-2020-182, Asphalt Paving of Barkley and Helen Street was R.C. Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$235,980.00. He recommended the Council Members approve and award the bid amount of \$235,980.00 to R.C. Paving. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to award the low bid to R. C. Paving, Inc. for the amount of \$235,980.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jessen recommended Pay Estimate No. 2 for work completed by E.B. Feucht & Sons LLC be paid in the amount of \$9,647.87. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Joe Becnel to pay E.B. Feucht & Sons, LLC as recommended. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Jessen requested payment request #2 in the amount of \$1,417.95 for engineering services be approved. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to pay the request for engineer fees. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Jessen requested that the sewer lift station pumps in the “bean field” be replaced. He said that the pumps are going down and need to be replaced soon.

Mr. Clayton Aymond, Street and Maintenance Supervisor, was not present to present his monthly report. Mayor Hesse gave an update on the Debris pick up.

Mr. James Hardy, Sewer and Water Supervisor, reported monthly updates.

Chief of Police, Keith Vincent, gave monthly reports and updates. He asked the Council when they would like the ordinance officer to start enforcing the ordinances pertaining to yard clean up. Because of the hurricane clean-up they agreed to wait until after the holidays to give citizens enough time to have their yards clean.

Fire Chief, Joseph Lewis gave fire department's report for monthly activities. It was discussed at the November Meeting that a revision to the ordinance for burn permits may need to be considered. Mayor referred to the present Burn ordinance for the discussion and asked what changes were recommended. Fire Chief Lewis and Asst. Fire Chief Coffee made recommendations for changes. Mayor stated that he would meet with Chief Lewis and Mr. Coffee to determine the procedure of a burn permit then amendment to the ordinance could be considered.

Mayor Hesse introduced the 2020 Calcasieu Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan as it related to Town of Iowa. The Council reviewed it and it was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to approve the 2020 Calcasieu Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan.

### RESOLUTION 2020-18

Resolution adopting the 2020 Calcasieu Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan  
As required by the State of Louisiana and FEMA.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing authority of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana in regular session convened on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020, that they do hereby adopt the 2020 Calcasieu Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan as required by the State of Louisiana and FEMA.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020

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MAYOR PAUL HESSE

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CYNTHIA MALLET, TOWN CLERK

Mayor Hesse read the title to proposed Ordinance 2021-01. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to introduce Ordinance 2021-01, an ordinance fixing meeting place, days, and time for Mayor and Town Council. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor read the title to proposed Ordinance 2021-02. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to introduce Ordinance 2021-02, an ordinance amending the FY budget 2019/2020 for the Town of Iowa, Louisiana. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was had about the traffic issues on Exit #43. Following the discussion, it was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to request Louisiana Department of Transportation conduct a study to evaluate the merits of a roundabout at the exit. The motion passed unanimously.

### RESOLUTION 2020-19

Resolution to request a study by  
Louisiana Department of Transportation

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing authority of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana in regular session convened on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020, that they do hereby request Louisiana Department of Transportation conduct a study to evaluate the merits of a roundabout at exit #43.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020

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MAYOR PAUL HESSE

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CYNTHIA MALLET, TOWN CLERK

Mayor Hesse reported that the IT contract, for City Hall, is coming up for renewal as of December 31, 2020 and he recommended to the Council that bids be received from another company. He stated that he will provide all the information needed to the Council to choose an IT company and execute the contract.

Mayor Hesse announced that the contract for solid waste disposal will be renewing by November of 2021 and recommended to the Council to make a Request for Proposal for this service. He asked if this is acceptable to the council members. There was no vote but there was affirmation of agreement to make a request for proposal for garbage services.

Council and Mayor was given a printed financial report. Mayor Hesse elaborated on the errors with the calculation of utility revenues that will be corrected on the next report. He also stated that we would get with the external auditors to make sure the controls are in place that these errors will not affect our financials.

With no further business, it was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to adjourn meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Paul Hesse, Mayor

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Cynthia Mallett, MMC

## **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Iowa, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Town of Iowa, State of Louisiana, will meet on January 11, 2020 at six-thirty (6:30) p.m., at its regular meeting place, Iowa City Hall Meeting Room, 115 N. Thomson Avenue, Iowa, Louisiana at which time there will be a public hearing on the adoption of the below introduced ordinances:

Ordinance 2021-01

An Ordinance fixing meeting place, days, and time for Mayor and Town Council

AND

Ordinance 2021-02

An Ordinance amending the FY Budget 2019-2020 for the Town of Iowa, Louisiana

All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written or oral comments. Handicapped persons needing assistance or aid should contact City Hall, 337-582-3535 before the meeting. Published in Lake Charles American Press.