

**Minutes
Public Hearing
Town of Iowa
115 N. Thomson
January 11/2021
Iowa, La
6:30 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; Sewer Superintendent James Hardy; Street and Maintenance Supervisor, Clayton Aymond and about 1 citizen.

Mayor Paul Hesse opened the Public Hearing at 6:46 pm. Mayor Hesse read proposed Ordinance 2021-01, An ordinance fixing meeting place, days, and time for Mayor and Town Council. He asked if anyone had questions or comments. No questions or comments were made.

Mayor Hesse read proposed Ordinance 2021-02, An ordinance amending the FY 2019-2020 Budget for the Town of Iowa Louisiana. He asked if there were any questions or comments. No questions or comments were made.

Mayor Hesse closed the public hearing at 6:50 p.m.

**Minutes
Regular Meeting
115 N. Thomson, Iowa, LA 70647
City Hall Meeting Room
January 11, 2021
6:30 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; and about 1 citizen.

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 the agenda to add:

1. Motion to accept proposals for Request of Qualifications for the purpose of Architect services in response to Hurricane Laura.
2. Motion to approve payment #3 to E.B. Feucht & Sons, LLC for Project #I-2020-177.
3. Motion to approve payment #3 to D. W. Jessen & Associates, LL for Project #I-2020-177.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Joe Becnel to approve December 29, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes as written not read. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Representatives of Iowa Fire Department was not present so Mayor Hesse deferred the discussion on revisions for burn permit.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Hesse read the Ordinance 2021-01. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to adopt Ordinance 2021-01. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING MEETING PLACE, DAYS, AND TIME FOR
MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council, pursuant to law, desire to fix and publish the place, days and time for regular meetings of the Mayor and Town Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that Town of Iowa Mayor and Town Council meetings shall be held at 115 N. Thomson Avenue in City Hall Meeting Room on the second Monday, at six-thirty p.m., of each and every month of the calendar year 2021, shall be designated and published in accordance with law for the official meeting day of the Mayor and Town Council for the Town of Iowa, Louisiana.

THUS DONE AND INTRODUCED at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council for the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, held on the 14th day of November, 2020.

After a public hearing was held on the above ordinance, the title having been read and the ordinance considered, on motion by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Vernessa Guillory to adopt the ordinance, a record vote was taken and the following result was had:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

WHEREUPON, the presiding officer declared the above ordinance duly adopted on this 11th day of January, 2021.

APPROVED:

PAUL HESSE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CYNTHIA MALLET, TOWN CLERK

Mayor Hesse read the Ordinance No. 2021-02. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to adopt the following ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2021-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FY 2019/2020 BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF IOWA LOUISIANA

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana that:

The following is an amended statement of the FY19/20 Budget

SECTION 1: The following is an amended statement of the probable receipts and disbursements of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30th, 2020 and the same is hereby declared to be and is designated the adopted amended budget for the Town of Iowa, Louisiana for FY2019-20.

General Fund

Changes:	Budget		Actual
Revenues:	\$ 2,781,350.00	to	\$2,160,676.00

Sales Tax III

Changes:	Budget		Actual
Revenues:	\$ 600,660.00		\$ 542,177.00

SECTION 2: This section shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Council Members of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, in Regular Session duly convened on January 11, 2021 an amended budget for the fiscal year of 2019 and 2020 be adopted and enacted.

THUS DONE AND INTRODUCED at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council for the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, held on the 14th day of December 2020.

After public hearing was held on the above ordinance, the title having been read and the ordinance considered, motion by Julie Fontenot, seconded by Vernessa Guillory to adopt the ordinance, a record vote was taken and following result was had:

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

WHEREUPON, the presiding officer declared the above ordinance duly adopted on this 11th day of January, 2021.

PAUL HESSE, MAYOR

I certify that the above ordinance was presented to the Mayor by me on the 13th day of January, 2021.

CYNTHIA MALLET, TOWN CLERK

I, acknowledge receipt of the above ordinance from the Town Clerk on this 13th day of January, 2021.

PAUL HESSE, MAYOR

I, hereby approve the above ordinance on this 13th day of January, 2021.

PAUL HESSE, MAYOR

I certify that the above ordinance was received by me from the Mayor on this 13th day of January, 2021.

CYNTHIA MALLET, TOWN CLERK

Mr. Walt Jessen gave a report on Sewer Line Rehabilitation of Helen and Barkley Street project; and requested the Town Council to approve payment #3 to E.B. Feucht in the amount of \$18,796.20. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to approve payment #3 to E.B. Feucht in the amount of \$18,796.20. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jessen requested the Town Council to approve payment #3 to D.W. Jessen in the amount of \$835.30 for engineering fees on the Sewer Line Rehabilitation of Helen and Barkley Street project. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to approve payment #3 to D. W. Jessen for the amount of \$835.30. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jeff Kudla, Architect, came forward and reported no drawings or plans could be done before baseball season starts. There was discussion between the Council and Mr. Kudla about certain things that could be accomplished to make it work well enough for this coming season.

Mayor announced that Request for Qualifications were advertised for the purpose of Architect Services in response to Hurricane Laura. Only one proposal was received by the Town of Iowa from this advertisement. Kudla Architecture, 429 Kirby Street, Lake Charles, LA. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to accept the submitted proposal from Mr. Jeff Kudla for Request of Qualifications for the purpose of Architect services in response to Hurricane Laura and authorize Mayor Hesse to execute contract between the Town of Iowa and Kudla Architecture. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Clayton Aymond, Street and Maintenance Supervisor, came forward and reported updates on debris pickup from the hurricane. There was discussion about digging ditches and a proposed culvert program.

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

Chief of Police, Keith Vincent, gave monthly reports and updates. He requested the transfer of Madolyne Miller from Full-Time Dispatch to Full-Time Patrol, effective 01-15-2021. It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to approve the transfer of Madolyne Miller from Full-Time Dispatch to Full-Time Patrol, effective 01-15-2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Fire Chief, Joseph Lewis was not present to give the fire department's report for monthly activities.

Mayor Hesse announced that the Sales Tax III tax will be expiring in 2022 and he wishes to begin the process of renewal and adding the language of the tax in perpetuity. It was **moved by** Joe Becnel, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to retain J. Delafield to handle the renewal process for Sales Tax III. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hesse gave the financial report.

Mayor entertained Council Member requests. Julie Fontenot asked about the commercial debris pickup. Mayor Hesse said that an M.O.U. with State of Louisiana D.O.T.D. was in process and this next week will be the last day of all debris pickup.

With no further business, it was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to adjourn meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Paul Hesse, Mayor

Cynthia Mallett, MMC

