

**Minutes
Town of Iowa
115 N. Thomson, Iowa, LA
August 8, 2022 6:30 p.m.**

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

Present: Council Members: Mayor Paul Hesse; Council Members: Daniel Hennigan, Gerald Guidry, Vernessa Guillory, and Julie Fontenot; Chief of Police H. Keith Vincent; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; Town Attorney Eugene Bouquet; and about 6 citizens. Absent: Council Member Joe Becnel

Invocation was led by Mayor Hesse; followed by Pledge.

Mayor Hesse called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

It was **moved by** Daniel Hennigan, **seconded by** Julie Fontenot to amend agenda to add: Motion to review submitted bids for Buddy Ball field Project. 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** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to approve minutes as presented for Regular Meeting July 11, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walt Jessen came forward and gave an update on projects. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to pay Est. #4 for work completed by Blake D. Hines, Inc. on the Water Line Looping thru Iowa City Park Project in the amount of \$3,532.50. The motion passed unanimously. It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to approve payment to D. W. Jessen & Associates, LLC for Wastewater Treatment Plan Oxidation Pond Repairs-FEMA Category Z expense in the amount of \$218.75. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jeff Kudla came forward and gave update on the Water Works Building Project.

Upon the recommendation of Jeff Kudla, architect, it was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to approve payment #4 to K&J Development of SWLA in the amount of \$58,241.65 for the Water Works Building Project. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kudla presented the bids received from the advertisement of Ballpark Improvements Phase 1, Buddy Ball Field.. There were two bids:

1. K&J Development of SWLA -Base Bid \$893,000.00 Alternate \$175,000.00 for lighting.
2. Kraus Construction -Base Bid \$895,000.00 Alternate \$189,000.00 for lighting

It was **moved by** Julie Fontenot, **seconded by** Vernessa Guillory to accept the low bid and award the contract to K&J Development of SWLA, and to authorize Mayor Hesse to execute contract. Vote was as follows.

Yeas: Julie Fontenot, Vernessa Guillory, and Gerald Guidry

Nays: Daniel Hennigan

Absent: Joe Becnel

Abstain: None

The motion passed.

Ms. Carliss Monceaux came forward to request waiver of Ordinance 2019-07 as to the age of mobile home.. Pictures of mobile home was presented to Council Members. Questions were asked about wind

zone rating and Hud Sticker requirements. All questions were answered. Ms. Monceaux proved it was a wind zone #2 and the HUD requirements are met. It was **moved by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Julie Fontenot** to approve waiver request to move mobile home. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. James Hardy came forward and gave report for Sewer Maintenance Department for the month of July.

Mr. Pat Thibodeaux came forward and gave the report for Public Works for the month of July. A citizen and resident of Dogwood Subdivision came forward complained about the trash not being picked up and the drainage problem at the Iowa Family Housing. Mayor Hesse and Council Members told him he would need to go to the Drainage Board for this problem.

Ms. Bailly came forward and complained that the water had a strong chlorine smell. She said she lived at Dogwood and Juniper circle. Mayor Hesse asked Mr. Thibodeaux to follow up on this. Mr. Thibodeaux said he would do it first thing tomorrow morning.

There was discussion about Dogwood Subdivision and the Town's responsibility of maintenance lines for Water & Sewer. Mr. Bouquet said the town never accepted the streets or drainage for this subdivision.

Mayor Hesse told the Council that the town has purchased a new Slope Mower and the Town of Welsh is in need of one. He asked the Council to consider helping a neighboring municipality by donating to them the old Slope Mower. It was **moved by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by** to approve Resolution 2022-17. The motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 2022-17
A RESOLUTION DONATING MOVEABLE SURPLUS PROPERTY TO
A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

WHEREAS, The Town of Iowa has purchased a new Slope Mower; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Iowa no longer has need of the replaced Slope Mower

WHEREAS, Town of Welsh in need of a Slope Mower; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Iowa hereby acknowledges the public service provided by Town of Welsh to the citizens of the Town of Welsh; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14 of Louisiana Constitution allows the donation or exchange of surplus moveable property between political subdivision.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Town Council Members for the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, in regular session this date does hereby authorize Mayor Paul Hesse to execute a Donation of Surplus Property for the above described Slope Mower.

The following Council Members voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Joe Becnel

ABSTAIN: None

WHEREAS, this resolution was declared adopted on this the 8th day of August, 2022.

APPROVED:

Paul Hesse, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cynthia Mallett, Municipal Clerk

Fire Chief Sonny Coffey came forward and reported the Fire Department's July monthly activities. He reported the progress of the construction of the new fire station. Mayor Hesse announced the cost changes of the fire truck and state that Tony Stelly, Calcasieu Police Jury, said that they would give \$100,000.00 towards the purchase of the fire truck.

Chief Vincent came forward and asked the Council to amend the agenda to add: Motion to hire Donna Peterson as Part-Time Dispatcher. It was **moved by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Julie Fontenot** to amend the agenda as requested.

It was **moved by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Julie Fontenot** to hire Donna Peterson as Part-Time Dispatcher. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hesse said that in a previous meeting a resolution was passed for the lease agreement to obtain a police vehicle. Since that time the vehicle has been delayed in shipping and the interest rates have increased so a new resolution is needed to secure the vehicle. It was **moved by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Julie Fontenot** to approve Resolution 2022-16. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2022-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF IOWA, LOUISIANA ("TOWN") TO APPROVE A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF ONE POLICE VEHICLE FROM COURTESY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP THROUGH FORD MOTOR MUNICIPAL CREDIT AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO PERFORM ALL ADDITIONAL AND NECESSARY ACTS TO PERFECT A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR ACQUISITION OF THE EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Iowa ("Town"), under the authority of Article VII, Section 14 (c) of the State of Louisiana, desires to enter into a Lease Purchase-Agreement ("Agreement") with Ford Motor Credit Company, based on the terms and conditions recited in the agreement attached hereto for the lease-purchase of movable property, to wit: One (1) 2022 Ford Police Interceptor Utility w/equipment and to acquire said property from a vendor, Courtesy Automotive Group, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana consistent with the terms described in the lease, attached hereto, and **not to exceed \$38,029.88 and not to exceed 6.99% annual percentage rate, and not to exceed 48 months;** and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to authorize the Mayor to act on behalf of the Town in performing all necessary acts and in executing the necessary Agreements to facilitate the described lease-purchase; and

WHEREAS, in satisfaction of the requirements of Title 71, Section 1101 et seq., the Town submits the foregoing Resolution, a copy of its current budget, a certificate of compliance, along with copies of the pertinent agreements evidencing the lease purchase of the movable that is the subject of the proposed transaction.

WHEREAS, the Town hereby states that if for any reason, the Town of Iowa fails to appropriate or make available funds to meet this obligation under the Lease purchase agreement during any fiscal year, the agreement may be terminated, without penalty. This contract is funded on a fiscal year to fiscal year basis and involves only currently appropriated revenue, and does not, therefore, incur indebtedness.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Town of Iowa hereby authorizes the Mayor of the Town of Iowa, acting in the name and under the authority of the Town, to perform such acts and to execute such agreements to the full extent necessary to affect the lease-purchase of the described equipment from Courtesy Automotive Group, Breau Bridge, Louisiana through Ford Motor Credit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Town makes the following declarations, in satisfaction of the requirements of Title 71, Section 1101 et seq. of the Louisiana Administrative Code:

THUS DONE AND READ IN FULL, AND CONSIDERED SECTION BY SECTION AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Councilmen of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana on this 8th day of August, 2022 by a vote:

Yeas: Daniel Hennigan, Julie Fontenot, Vernessa Guillory, and Gerald Guidry

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Joe Becnel

Paul Hesse, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cynthia Mallett, Municipal Clerk

Mayor Hesse gave the monthly financial report.

No further business to discuss, it was **moved by** Gerald Guidry, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Paul Hesse, Mayor

Cynthia Mallett, MMC