

Minutes
Public Hearing Meeting
Town of Iowa
115 N. Thomson
June 25, 2024
Iowa, La
7:00 p.m.

Mayor Douglas Watkins called a public hearing to order at 7:06 p.m. Present was Mayor Watkins; Council Members Joe Becnel, Julie Fontenot, Daniel Hennigan, Gerald Guidry, and Vernessa Guillory; Town Attorney Eugene Bouquet; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; Chief of Police Keith Vincent; About 45 Citizens.

Mayor Watkins read the first item on the Public Hearing Agenda. He gave instructions pertaining to orderly conduct during a public meeting as per Louisiana Legislative Auditors Office. Mayor Watkins read parts of the Lawrason Act; the purpose of the Lawrason Act and the duties and responsibilities of the Mayor. He invited everyone to read it.

Mayor Watkins invited Ms. Cindy Mallett, Town Clerk to address Louisiana Local Government Budget Act. Cindy Mallett addressed the Mayor and Council concerning the town's process of the Local Government Budget Act. She reported that the town is compliant with the requirements of the Act.

Mayor read the title of Ordinance No. 2024-08, An Ordinance Adopting an Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025. Mayor Watkins asked if there were any questions or comments. There were no comments or questions. Public Hearing was closed at 7:27 pm.

Minutes
Regular Meeting
115 N. Thomson, Iowa, LA 70647
City Hall Meeting Room
June 25, 2024 7:27 p.m.

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

Present: Mayor Douglas Watkins; Council Members: Joe Becnel, Gerald Guidry, Daniel Hennigan, Julie Fontenot, and Vernessa Guillory; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; Town Attorney Eugene Bouquet; Chief of Police Keith Vincent.

Mayor Watkins established a quorum was present.

Invocation by Council Member Joe Becnel, followed by Pledge.

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

It was **moved** by Daniel Hennigan, **seconded** by Vernessa Guillory to approve minutes of Regular Meeting June 10, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Watkins read item one of the agenda. He asked if there were any questions or comments. No questions or comments were made. It was **moved** by Daniel Hennigan, **seconded** by Joe Becnel to adopt Ordinance 2024-08, An Ordinance Adopting an Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2024-08
AN ORDINANCE adopting an Operating Budget of
Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning
July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE IOWA TOWN COUNCIL of Iowa, Louisiana, in general session convened that:

SECTION 1: The attached detailed estimate of Revenues for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an Operating Budget of Revenues for the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, during the same period.

SECTION 2: The attached estimates of Expenditures by departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as a budget of Expenditures for the Town during the said period.

SECTION 3: The adoption of this Operating Budget of Expenditures be and the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

SECTION 4: Amounts are available for expenditures only to the extent included within the 2024 to 2025 budget. Further, it is the intent of this presentation to hereby authorize the Chief Administrative Officer the power to administer these budgets within a margin of plus or minus 5%.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on June 10, 2024 the title having been read and a public hearing held on June 25, 2024.

The above ordinance was adopted at a duly convened special meeting, June 25, 2024 on motion by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Joe Becnel upon a vote taken as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

WHEREAUPON, the presiding officer declared the above ordinance duly adopted on this 25th day of June, 2024.

DOUGLAS WATKINS, MAYOR

I certify that the above ordinance was presented to the Mayor by me on the 26th day of June, 2024

CYNTHIA MALLET, TOWN CLERK

I, acknowledge receipt of the above ordinance from the Town Clerk on this 26th day of June, 2024.

DOUGALS WATKINS, MAYOR

I, hereby approve the above ordinance on this 26th day of June, 2024.

DOUGLAS WATKINS, MAYOR

I certify that the above ordinance was received by me from the Mayor on this 26th day of June, 2024.

CYNTHIA MALLETT, TOWN CLERK

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES:

TAXES	1,412,000.00
LICENSES & PERMITS	271,900.00
GRANT REVENUE	360,000.00
FINES & FORFEITURES	900,000.00
INVESTMENT EARNINGS	75,000.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT	65,700.00
TRANSFERS	205,377.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	3,289,977.00

EXPENDITURES:

ADMINISTRATION	745,644.00
POLICE	2,000,000.00
FIRE	175,650.00
COURT COSTS	230,323.00
MULTIPURPOSE CENTER	56,100.00
FIRE ADMIN	82,260.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSITURES	3,289,977.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	0.00

SALES TAX - WATER IMPROVEMENT

REVENUES:

TAXES	265,000.00
GRANTS	572,667.00
INVESTMENT EARNINGS	120,000.00
TOTAL SALES TAX I REVENUES	957,667.00

EXPENDITURES:

EXPENDITURES	439,475.15
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ARP-COMP HARDWRE/SOFTWARE SERV	16,993.85
ARP-SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT	301,198.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	200,000.00
TOTAL SALES TAX I EXPENDITURES	957,667.00
TOTAL SALES TAX I FUND	0.00
SALES TAX- PARKS & STREETS	
REVENUES:	
TAXES	225,000.00
INVESTMENT EARNINGS	3,500.00
OTHER REVENUE	35,000.00
TOTAL PARKS REVENUE	263,500.00
EXPENDITURES:	
TOTAL PARKS EXPENDITURES	263,500.00
TOTAL SALES TAX-PARKS FUND	0.00
SALES TAX II STREETS	
REVENUES:	
TAXES	650,000.00
INVESTMENT EARNINGS	35,000.00
OTHER REVENUE	928,910.00
TOTAL SALES TAX II STREETS REVENUE	1,613,910.00
EXPENDITURES:	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,613,910.00
TOTAL SALES TAX II STREETS FUND	0.00
SALES TAX III	
REVENUES:	
TAXES	500,000.00
GRANT REVENUE	452,800.00
EVENTS	43,000.00
INVESTMENT EARNINGS	25,000.00
TOTAL SALES TAX III REVENUE	1,020,800.00
EXPENDITURES:	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	768,030.00
TOTAL SALES TAX III FUND	252,770.00
LACDBG	
REVENUES:	
GRANT REVENUE	235,495.00
TRANSFERS	10,000.00
TOTAL LACDBG REVENUES	245,495.00

EXPENDITURES:	
CAPITAL OUTLAY	245,495.00
TOTAL LACDBG EXPENDITURES	245,495.00
TOTAL LADDBG FUND	0.00
CITY WATER WORKS	
REVENUES:	
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	1,623,000.00
INVESTMENT EARNINGS	28,000.00
GRANTS	690,200.00
TOTAL WATER WORKS REVENUE	2,341,200.00
EXPENDITURES:	
WATER	681,232.00
WASTER WATER	1,307,155.00
GARBAGE & TRASH	438,000.00
TOTAL CITY WATER WORKS FUND	-85,187.00

Mayor Watkins read item two of the agenda. It was moved by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Vernessa Guillory to approve Resolution 2024-13. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2024-13

A Resolution for reallocation of percentages for the
Town of Iowa's Sales Tax

WHEREAS, the citizens of Iowa approved the collection of a one cent sales tax for 1) Capital and Other Improvements to Water Works, Sewer and Wastewater Systems 2) Repair of the Town's Streets & Further Improvements to Park System 3) All Other lawful expenditures including Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Iowa approved a collection of a one cent sales tax for 1) Maintenance & Construction of Streets, Sidewalks, and Street Lighting. 2) Maintenance & Construction of Sewerage Facilities, Systems, Pumps & Sewer Lines 3) General Administration & General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Iowa approved the collection ½ cent sales tax for 1) Flood Control Maintenance & Improvements 2) Economic Development Activates, 3) Capital Improvements and Maintenance to the Town Hall and Town Park; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Town Council has reviewed the needs of the town for the fiscal year 2024-2025 and deems it necessary to reallocate the percentages of the Below allocated sales tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Iowa Town Council of Iowa, Louisiana:

The percentage of sales tax shall be as follows:

General Fund	34.4%	Sales Tax I	10.6%
Sales Tax Parks	9%	Sales Tax II	26%
Sales Tax III	20%		

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of June, 2024.

ATTEST:

Cynthia Mallett, MMC

With no further business to discuss, it was **moved by** Joe Becnel, **seconded by** Daniel Hennigan, to adjourn meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm.

Douglas N Watkins, Mayor

Cynthia Mallett, MMC