

March 15, 2026. Mayor Watkins read item #1 of the agenda. It was moved by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Joe Bechel, to approve Resolution 2026-03, A resolution regarding the DEQ Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Audit Report for January 2025-December 2025. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Watkins read item #2 of the agenda. It was moved by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Joe Bechel, to approve Resolution 2026-04, A resolution creating a Mayor's Youth Council and establishing Rules of Procedure for the Town of Iowa, Louisiana. Mayor Watkins gave reasons she wishes to establish this youth council. Mayor Watkins asked if there were any questions. Council Member Daniel Hennigan asked if home-schooled students will be eligible. Mayor Watkins stated that he did not have a problem with that. No other comments were made. The motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION 2026-04. A resolution creating a Mayor's Youth Council and establishing Rules of Procedure for the Town of Iowa, Louisiana. WHEREAS, The Town Council of the Town of Iowa believes strongly that Iowa is and should continue to be a family-friendly community; WHEREAS, The Town Council of the Town of Iowa recognizes that achievement and nurturing of families is best achieved through youth services and programs; and informed so that they can be productive members of the community; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to realize its commitment to youth, the Town of Iowa wishes to establish a Mayor's Youth Council and further establish rules of procedure for the purpose of dealing with all issues coming before said council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Iowa that a Mayor's Youth Council shall be hereby established, all as stated above; and further, that the following shall hereby establish rules of procedure, to-wit:

SECTION 1: Establishment of a Mayor's Youth Council shall be hereby established and shall be referred to as ("Youth Council").

SECTION 2: Purpose. The Youth Council shall study, investigate, plan, implement and advise the Town on all matters related to youth. In particular, the Youth Council is charged with developing and promulgating policies, programs, and services that empower, support, and inform youth; that create a family-friendly community; and that enables and encourages youth to be productive members of the community. The Youth Council shall serve as an advisory body to the Town on all matters dealing with the youth of said community.

SECTION 3: Power and Duties

1) The Youth Council shall have all the powers granted herein and shall perform all the duties as provided herein.

2) The Youth Council shall adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and for defining the duties of its members, officers, and committees.

3) The Youth Council shall work with the Mayor, Town Council, and the Town Staff to develop and implement policies that focus on youth.

4) The Youth Council shall advise the Mayor, Town Council and Town Staff on important issues that relate to youth.

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6) The Youth Council shall build partnerships with individuals, groups, and organizations that impact both youth and families.

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8) The Youth Council shall carry out and implement other directives from the Mayor, Town Council, and Town Staff.

SECTION 4: Membership. The Youth Council shall consist of no more than twenty (20) voting members, all of whom shall attend Iowa High School.

SECTION 5: Terms of Office. The members of the Youth Council shall serve in such capacity without compensation. All terms of office shall begin on August 1st and expire on July 31st. The terms of office of the Youth Council shall be as follows, to-wit:

1) The terms for all Youth Council members/officers shall be a period of (1) year.

2) Youth Council members may be recommended for reappointment.

SECTION 6: Organization and Rules. 1) At its first meeting of each year, the Youth Council shall elect officers for a (1) year term. All officers may be eligible for reelection for up to one (1) additional one-year term. Officers shall, at a minimum, consist of a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary.

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3) The Youth Council shall meet on a date and a time set for in its rules of procedure. All members shall be conducted consistent with the said rules and regulations, laws, and the Town of Iowa Municipal Code. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of members.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, governing authority of Iowa, Louisiana, that they do hereby, in regular session convened, adopt the creation of a Mayor's Youth Council and establish rules of procedure for the Town of Iowa, Louisiana. Approved and adopted this 9th day of March, 2026.

Douglas N. Watkins, Mayor

ATTEST: Cynthia Mallett, MMC, Municipal Clerk

Mayor Watkins read item #6 of the agenda. It was moved by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Joe Bechel to approve Resolution for the DEQ Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Audit Report for January 2025-December 2025. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Watkins read item #7 of the agenda. It was moved by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Joe Bechel to approve Resolution 2026-04, A resolution creating a Mayor's Youth Council and establishing Rules of Procedure for the Town of Iowa, Louisiana. Mayor Watkins gave reasons she wishes to establish this youth council. Mayor Watkins asked if there were any questions. Council Member Daniel Hennigan asked if home-schooled students will be eligible. Mayor Watkins stated that he did not have a problem with that. No other comments were made. The motion carried unanimously.

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ATTEST: Cynthia Mallett, MMC, Municipal Clerk

Mayor Watkins read item #8 of the agenda. It was moved by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Joe Bechel to enter contracts for internet and telephone services and enter into contract with and between the Town of Iowa and Central Networks for the purpose of Internet and VoIP (phone) services; and authorize Mayor Watkins execute all documents. Mayor Watkins asked if there were any questions. Chief Vincent asked about the ability to record phone calls for his department. It was confirmed that recording would be included in the contract. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor read item #9 of the agenda. It was moved by Joe Bechel, seconded by Daniel Hennigan to table, without debate, Resolution 2026-01, A resolution of the Town of Iowa Creating a Recreation Advisory Committee. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor asked Chief Vincent to come forward for the next two items of the agenda. Chief Vincent came forward and updated his report and motion were made. It was moved by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Joe Bechel to promote Josh McCoy from PFC to Sgt. The motion carried unanimously. It was moved by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Joe Bechel to promote Taylor Jackson from PFC to CPL. The motion carried unanimously. It was moved by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Vanessa Guillory to hire Brent Quebedeaux as Patrol Officer. The motion carried unanimously. It was moved by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Vanessa Guillory to hire Asa Partridge as part-time dispatcher. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Watkins read item #12 of the agenda. It was moved by Daniel Hennigan, seconded by Joe Bechel to approve Resolution 2026-04, A resolution regarding certain property in the Town of Iowa, Louisiana in accordance with the provisions of the Revised Statutes of the State of Louisiana, title 33, Section 172, following the petition of Progressive Merchants, Inc. and due advertisement. Mayor Watkins explained that the motion was that if there were any questions. Council Member Daniel Hennigan talked about income tax 1-10 interstate. Mayor Watkins explained that an order from the state of Iowa would be required to include the interstate. Mayor Watkins said a letter from D.O.D. would be required to further investigate this, it was moved by Joe Bechel, seconded by Daniel Hennigan to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Douglas Watkins, Attest: Cynthia Mallett, MMC, Town Clerk

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