

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Iola Texas Board of Alderman  
April 11, 2023

The Board of Alderman of the City of Iola, Grimes County, Texas, met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Iola Community Center Building in Iola TX. Members present: Mayor Christina Stover, presiding, Alderman present: Samantha Echols, Becky Evans, and Wayne Cadro.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Minutes for the regular meeting held on March 21, 2023 were read and considered for approval. Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Wayne Cadro, seconded by Samantha Echols. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business was conducted:

The Council discussed the one-way street status of Ft. Worth and Bulldog Lanes. Mayor Stover is currently investigating the process of moving the signs on the FM244 and Bulldog Lane side of the school into TXDOT ROW so that they are more visible to people approaching from FM244. SRO Deputy Use and Constable Ellis are doing a good job of pulling over violators. Tara McKinney, who lives on Ft. Worth St., voiced her opinion that the current status of the one-way street suits her; she does not want it to be designated 24/7 one-way. It has been decided to revisit this subject at another time.

New Business was conducted:

The council was updated on the status of a request to abandon a ROW to Iola Missionary Baptist Church and Leona Bess. The council has received a petition and survey; the city attorney is reviewing all the documents.

Becky Evans moved to approve a Resolution Authorizing Publication of Notice of Intent to issue combination tax and revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023, for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. The second was made by Samantha Echols; the motion was approved unanimously. These CO's will secure and complete the second and final round of funding to complete the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the City of Iola.

The City Council discussed the requirement that a new bank account be opened for the deposit of the Interest & Sinking Fund Property Taxes that are being collected. Keeping these funds in a separate account is a requirement of the State of Texas. Becky Evans made a motion to open the account at First State Bank of Bedia and that the account require 2 signatures for checks; authorized signers are Christina Stover, Donna Ray, and Curtis Darby. The account is to be named Debt Service Account. A second was made by Wayne Cadro; the motion carried unanimously.

The council discussed the CDBG-DR funds (Hurricane Harvey). Round one will be completed soon, and more funds have been allocated to the city in the amount of approximately \$200,000. The City is considering a drainage project that is needed along FM244 for these funds. Council Members are to be thinking about and speaking with constituents regarding the use of the new funds. Discussion will resume at the next meeting.

The WWTP Project is moving along. Discussion with the Railroad is happening regarding the bore needed in their ROW. Blyle Engineering is working on easements and the mapping process being conducted by the city office is almost complete.

Finance reports were submitted. Bank statements were reviewed and compared to reports by Wayne Cadro. All the reports were approved as written. Becky Evans noted that some of the bank account balances are high

and recommended that we consider purchasing more CDs at next month's meeting. It was also noted by Mayor Stover that the city does not anticipate more American Rescue Plan Funding, and that we should vote to close that account at the next meeting.

Citizen's comments: it was noted that Corsicana Street is in terrible condition and requires work; possibly some base and rock.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ Christina Stover, Mayor