

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Iola Texas Board of Alderman
April 14, 2026

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: Curtis Darby, Becky Evans, Wayne Cadro, Ben Landry, John Alexander.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Minutes for the regular meeting held on March 10, 2026 were read and considered for approval. Motion to accept made by Curtis Darby, seconded by Wayne Cadro. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business was conducted:

Zachary Votow with Bleyl Engineering presented the council with the Recommendation of Award of bids submitted on April 2, 2026, for GLO DR FM 244 & Dallas St. Storm Improvements, Contract No. 24-074-004-E28. These improvements are to the storm drainage on FM 244 and Dallas Street and are funds available from Hurricane Harvey flooding in 2017. The council reviewed plans, asked questions, and reiterated that the citizens need the work to stay within budget.

Becky Evans made a motion to award the contract D&S Contracting of College Station, Texas for the Base Bid of \$113,597.00 and the Alternate Bid \$46,249.00 totaling \$159,846.00 for GLO-DR FM 244 & Dallas St. Storm Improvements, Contract No. 24-074-004-E28. Second was made by Ben Landry. Motion carries unanimously.

The bid accepted by the council is \$159,846.00 versus the funding awarded to the city by the Texas General Land Office in the amount of \$159,243.00, leaving a deficit of \$603.00. Curtis Darby made a motion that the city provide the additional funding, amount not to exceed \$1,000. John Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

The council discussed the Audit for FY 2024-2025 and letters from Donald Allman, CPA were submitted to each member.

Ben Landry made a motion to approve paying the final invoice of \$9000.00 to Donald Allman, CPA, for conducting the Audit. Curtis Darby second the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Updates from Bleyl Engineering for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project (WWTP) were presented to the council. There is an amendment being required by the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for the MIT-MOD funds the city will use for the WWTP project. As soon as that amendment is cleared by GLO, the engineers are ready to have the project bid. Construction is slated to begin in June, but the timing of the amendment may delay that. No action is required at this time.

Finance Reports and Bank Statements were considered for approval. Motion by Wayne Cadro to approve as written, second by Curtis Darby. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens comments were received. Two were in attendance, and one had questions regarding the lola ISD bond that will be on the ballot soon. We advised him of lola ISD's next public meeting regarding such.

Meeting was adjourned at about 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by

Donna Ray, City Secretary