Minutes of Regular Meeting Iola Texas Board of Alderman August 08, 2023

The Board of Alderman of the City of Iola, Grimes County, Texas, met in regular session August 08, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Iola Volunteer Fire Dept. Building in Iola TX. Members present: Mayor Christina Stover, presiding, Alderman present: Curtis Darby, Wayne Cadro, and Ben Landry.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes for the regular meeting held on July 11, 2023 were read for approval. Motion to approve by Wayne Cadro. Second by Ben Landry. Motion carries unanimously.

New Business was conducted:

The council discussed taking action on a proposed tax rate of \$0.134321/\$100.00 for tax year 2023. This is the voter approval tax rate. This tax rate included an INS rate on a \$5000.00 debt for the repayment of WWTP low interest loan, and \$1000.00 debt for payment of the annual bank administrative fees. Curtis Darby made a motion to approve this rate. Ben Landry seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

The council set the public hearing date for September 12, 2023 at 7:00 P.M., at the Iola American Legion Building located at 23462 FM 39, Iola, TX 77861 to review and adopt the proposed tax rate for tax year 2023, Ben Landry made a motion to accept this date. Wayne Cadro seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

The council discussed taking action to adopt a proposed budget for fiscal year October 1, 2023, thru September 30, 2024. Curtis Darby made a motion to accept the proposed budget and Ben Landry seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

The council set a public hearing date of September 12, 2023, at 7:05 PM, at the Iola American Legion Building located at 23462 FM 39, Iola, TX 77861 to adopt the proposed budget. Curtis Darby made a motion to accept this date. Ben Landry seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

The council discussed a proposed salary increase for City Secretary, Donna Ray from \$12.00 per hour to \$15.00 per hour. Wayne Cadro made a motion to approve the rate increase. Curtis Darby seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

The council discussed to approve a Budget Amendment for the current year 2022-2023 budget. Curtis Darby made a motion to approve. Ben Landry seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Discussion only of the TWDB WWTP. The Mayor gave updates on the progress and status. No action required. Discussion only of the TXCDBG GLO Mit-Mod Grant. The Mayor gave updates on the progress and status. No action required.

Discussion only of the TXCDB-DR Harvey Grant. The Mayor gave updates on the progress and status. No action required.

Discussion only of the CDBG TDA 23-24 Grant. The Mayor gave updates on the progress and status. No action required.

Finance reports were considered, and July bank statements were reviewed by Ben Landry for approval. Motion by Ben Landry to approve as written. Curtis Darby seconded the motion. Motion carries.

No citizens were present at the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at about 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Ray, Secretary