

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Iola Texas Board of Alderman
August 11, 2026

The Board of Alderman of the City of Iola, Grimes County, Texas, met in regular session August 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Iola Community Center Building located at 7264 Main St. Iola TX 77861. Members present: Mayor Christina Stover, Presiding, Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Darby, Becky Evans, Wayne Cadro, Ben Landry and John Alexander to create a quorum.

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

Minutes for the regular meeting held on July 14, 2026 were read for approval. Motion to approve by Curtis Darby. Second by Becky Evans. Motion carries unanimously.

New Business was conducted:

The council reviewed the Certification of the 2026 Appraisal Roll from the Grimes County Appraisal District. No action was needed.

The council considered to propose to adopt the Voter Approval Tax Rate of 0.167477/100 for tax year 2026. This tax rate includes an INS rate on a \$62,666.00 debt for the repayment of WWTP low interest loan and a \$2000.00 debt for payment of the administrative bank fees due on the loan. Motion to adopt the Voter Approval Rate by Wayne Cadro. Second by Ben Landry.

The vote to adopt the Voter Approval Tax Rate is as follows:

Curtis Darby Aye
Becky Evans Aye
Wayne Cadro Aye
Ben Landry Aye
John Alexander Aye

The council set the public hearing date for September 8, 2026 at 7:00 P.M., at the Iola Community Center Building located at 7264 Main St, Iola, TX 77861 to review and adopt the proposed tax rate for tax year 2026, Becky Evans made a motion to accept this date. John Alexander second the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

The council discussed taking action to adopt a proposed budget for fiscal year October 1, 2026, thru September 30, 2027. Curtis Darby made a motion to review and adopt the proposed budget with an increase in proposed Attorney's fees from \$10,000.00 to \$15,000. Wayne Cadro second the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

The council set a public hearing date of September 8, 2026, at 7:05 PM, at the Iola Community Center Building located at 7264 Main St, Iola, TX 77861 to adopt the proposed budget. Curtis Darby made a motion to accept this date. Ben Landry second the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

The Council discussed approval of the requested budget amendments of the 2025-2026 budget. Curtis Darby made a motion to approve the amendments, second by Becky Evans. Motion carries unanimously.

No action needed on the discussion of the rate increase announced by city attorney Bovey and Cochran.

The Council discussed the Engagement Letter presented from Donald Allman, CPA. Motion to approve by Becky Evans, second by Curtis Darby. Motion carries unanimously.

The Board discussed the request for a four-hour road closure for the annual ICC Hay Day event. Wayne Cadro made a motion to approve, seconded by Wayne Cadro. Motion carries unanimously.

Discussions regarding zoning are tabled to allow the mayor time to do more research on the subject.

Discussions regarding a City Ordinance to amend or adopt the Grimes County Infrastructure Rules are tabled to allow the city attorneys to do more research on this subject.

The council discussed the approval of the Construction Contract Agreement between the City of Iola and Teal Services LLC for construction of the Texas Water Development Board, Wastewater Treatment Plant (TWDB) (WWTP) project # 10422. Curtis Darby made a motion to approve the agreement, second by Becky Evans. Motion carries unanimously.

Discussion only of the Texas Water Development Board, Wastewater Treatment Plant (TWDB) (WWTP).

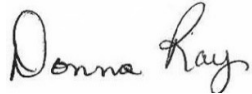
Discussion only on the update on the completion of the Harvey DR Reallocation Project#24-074-004-E287.

Finance reports were considered, and August bank statements were reviewed by Ben Landry for approval. Motion by Ben Landry to approve as written. Becky Evans second the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

The council would like to thank all citizens who attended the meeting. Also, for showing interest in making our city better with possible growth.

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

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Ray". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Donna Ray, Secretary