

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Iola Texas Board of Alderman
February 08, 2022

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

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

Minutes for the regular meeting held on December 14, 2021, were read for approval. Motion to approve by Sierra Betancourt, second by Sammie Echols. Motion carries unanimously.

New Business was conducted:

The council took action to approve an account with Entergy to have 5 streetlights installed for a monthly payment of \$7.33 each for approx \$38.00 per month. Becky Evans made a motion to approve second by Sammie Echols. Motion carries unanimously.

Becky Evans made a motion to approve a quote for + \$200.00 for updated one-way street signs on Ft Worth and Bulldog Lane. Sierra Betancourt seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Curtis Darby made a motion to approve the order of election on May 7, 2022, for the City of Iola which will include the Mayor and two alderpersons. Sierra Betancourt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Curtis Darby made a motion to approve the Joint Election Agreement Contract for the general election to be held May 7, 2022, between the City of Iola and The Grimes County Elections Administrator. Becky Evans seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Curtis Darby made a motion to pay 3 separate invoices totaling \$1000.00 to UMB for escrow agent fees for the TWDB WWTP escrow account. Becky Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sierra Betancourt made a motion to pay and invoice to the Grimes County Road and Bridge Dept in excess of \$200.00. Curtis Darby seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Curtis Darby made a motion to pay an invoice in excess of \$200.00 to the Law Office of Bovey and Cochran, City Attorney. Becky Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor updated the council on the results of the audit FY 2020-2021. No action was needed at this time.

Becky Evans made a motion to approve and pay an invoice from Davis, Heinemann & Co. for \$7000.00 for completing the audit for FY 2020-2021. Sammie Echols seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The council discussed and signed the related party forms to return to the auditor's office. Mark Hooper was not present at the meeting. He will need to sign and return his form to the city secretary.

Becky Evans made a motion to decline to approve a rate change request from Entergy. Sierra Betancourt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sierra Betancourt made a motion to request to rescind the GLO-MIT Contract with TX-GLO. Becky Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Becky Evans made a motion to approve an updated City of Iola Water Conservation/Drought Contingency Plan. Sammie Echols seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Becky Evans made a motion to approve to request TX DOT road closure for the annual IVFD Fund raiser on March 11, 2022. Curtis Darby seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Curtis Darby made a motion to award 3 material bids for the CDBG-DR Harvey Disaster Relief Grant pending GLO's approval of the bid process and authorize the Mayor to execute material contracts. Becky Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor updated the council on the WWTP. No action was needed.

Finance Reports were considered for approval. Motion by Curtis Darby seconded by Sierra Betancourt to approve as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at about 8:30.

Respectfully submitted by _____ Donna Ray, Secretary