

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Iola Texas Board of Alderman
January 09, 2024

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 on January 9, 2024. Members present: Mayor Christina Stover, presiding, Alderman present: Sammie Echols, Becky Evans, Curtis Darby, Ben Landry and Wayne Cadro.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Minutes for the regular meeting held on December 12, 2023 were read for approval. Motion to approve, (with an amendment removing Curtis Darby from attendance), by Becky Evans second By Sammie Echols. Motion carries unanimously.

New Business was conducted:

The Election for 2024 is approaching, and it is time for the Mayor and two Alderpersons' positions to come up for re-election: Mayor Christina Stover, Alderperson Becky Evans, and Alderperson Curtis Darby. The sitting Mayor and two alderpersons applied for a place on the ballot for re-election on May 4, 2024.

Ben Landry made a motion to approve a JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL ELECTION for LOCAL SUBDIVISIONS (including schools) between the City of Iola and the Grimes County Voter Registration Office for the administration of the May 4, 2024 election. Second by Becky Evans. Motion carries unanimously.

Curtis Darby made a motion to approve Petition for Local Option Election to Legalize the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages, filed with the City Secretary on December 22, 2023. Election to be held May 4, 2024. Second by Wayne Cadro. Motion carries unanimously.

Ben Landry made a motion to pay 3 separate invoices totaling \$1000.00 to UMB for escrow agent fees for the TWDB WWTP escrow account. Wayne Cadro seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The council discussed the Fiber Optic cable being installed in the city streets of City of Iola by MSEC Communications. No action was needed.

The council discussed a Designated Representative for the City of Iola. No action was needed.

The Mayor updated the council on the progress of the WWTP. No action is needed at this time.

Finance Reports were considered for approval. Motion by Curtis Darby to approve as written, seconded by Sammie Echols. Bank Statements had not been received as of meeting time 12/09/2024. Motion carried unanimously.

The council would like to thank Angie Howard, Jake Howard, Art Lozano, and Scotty McKinney for attending. No comments were made from the citizens.

Meeting was adjourned at about 8:15.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Ray, Secretary