

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

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: 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 June 9th, 2026 were read for approval. Motion to approve by Ben Landry second by Curtis Darby. Motion carries unanimously.

New Business was conducted:

No action was needed on the discussion and preliminary review of the FY 2026-2027 budget. Council advised increasing several categories including post office box fees, attorney fees, and liability insurance. The council will review once more and approve the proposed budget at the August meeting.

The council discussed invoices to the UMB Bank (\$40,000.00 for Series 2023) (\$10,000.00 for Series 2020) totaling \$50,000.00 for the annual bond payments for the WWTP. Curtis Darby made a motion to transfer 17,000.00 from the First State Bank Bedia Sales Tax account ***5269 to the First State Bank Debt Service I&S account ****5795 to cover the payment. Motion to approve to pay by Becky Evans, second by Ben Landry. Motion carries unanimously.

The council considered and approved to award a construction contract for the New Wastewater Treatment Plant, TWDB Project Number 10422-CID-01 and GLO MITMOD Project Number 24-065-165-F080 to Teal Services, LLC, Anderson, Texas. This will be for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the site work; the collections system (sewer lines and connections) will bid in August or September). Curtis Darby made a motion to award the contract second by Becky Evans. Motion carries unanimously.

The Mayor updated the council on the WWTP. Engineer Steve Duncan with Bleyl Engineering was present to answer questions. The council discussed what the next steps will be moving forward. Construction for the WWTP should begin in September, after the bird nesting season. How hook-ups will occur in the future was discussed. No action was needed at this time.

The Mayor along with Steve Duncan updated the council on the near completion of GLO/CDBG Harvey DR project. The culverts along FM 244 and the South side of Dallas Street, from the corner of Houston Street all the way to the Post Office were resized and replaced to mitigate flooding. The project is complete except for reseeding. No action was needed.

The Mayor presented each council member packets of information for the following topics (A,B,C,D) to possibly discuss at the next meeting. No action is needed at this time.

- A. Discuss findings of recommendations to the City Council on response to industrial development in and around the city limits of Iola; planning for future growth. The city attorney has not sent the requested information yet, so a workshop will be held to discuss them, or they can be discussed at the next meeting.
- B. Discussion only regarding zoning within the city limits of Iola; the council will study this option once again. The mayor provided some information for council members to take home and read.
- C. Discussion regarding findings regarding the possibility of imposing Capacity and Impact Fee Assessment on our WWTP. This is a complicated process that results in a one-time fee to new developments. Papers were taken home to study on, waiting for more information from attorney.
- D. Discuss Grimes County Infrastructure Rules and Model Subdivision Rules; study amending the Ordinance adopting said rules. The city was required to adopt the Model Subdivision Rules as part of our grant for the sewer. These rules, now called Grimes County Infrastructure Rules and Model Subdivision Rules is crucial to protecting infrastructure in the city and it's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction. The mayor is reading the 165 page document and asked that council members do so as well. Wayne Cadro stated he would.

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

Several Citizens were present and a presentation to the council was given by Ms. Marie Egyed, Director of Operations, Grimes County Citizens for Responsible Development. She addressed the council and expressed that the GCCRD wants to work together to protect the land and its resources in Grimes County. She added that they will willingly join committees and volunteer to help do research as needed.

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

Respectfully submitted by _____
Donna Ray, Secretary