

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Iola Texas Board of Alderman
July 9, 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. Members present: Mayor Christina Stover, presiding, Alderman present: Sammie Echols, Ben Landry, Wayne Cadro, Curtis Darby, and Becky Evans.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Minutes for the regular meeting held on June 11, 2024 were read for approval. Motion to approve by Ben Landry, second Becky Evans. Motion carries unanimously.

New Business was conducted:

The City Secretary administered the Oath of Office to Alderman Curtis Darby. Curtis was sworn back in to office, as he ran unopposed and was absent at the June 11, 2024 meeting.

The Board discussed taking action to adopt the Grimes County 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan to take effect immediately upon approval of the plan by FEMA. Curtis Darby made a motion to approve second by Wayne Cadro. Motion carries unanimously.

The Board discussed the amount of the June invoice for \$462.00 from City Attorney Cary Bovey. Motion to approve to pay Becky Evans, second Sammie Echols. Motion carries unanimously.

The Board discussed a letter from City Attorney Cary Bovey to consider a rate increase for legal services they provide to the city. Motion to approve Curtis Darby second Becky Evans. Motion carries unanimously.

Discussion only regarding Cyber Security portion of City Liability insurance. No action was immediately taken, however the board considered different options on this matter.

The Board discussed reimbursing the Iola ISD for the city's portion of early voting costs for the May 4, 2024 election. Motion to approve to pay Iola ISD \$910.00 by Curtis Darby second Becky Evans. Motion carries unanimously.

The Board discussed an invoice from the Grimes County Voters Registrar for the May 4, 2024 Election. Motion to approve to pay by Becky Evans, second Curtis Darby. Motion carries unanimously.

The Board considered for approval an agreement between the City of Iola and Wickson Creek SUD granting ROW permission for them to work in the city's easements as needed to provide water to the City of Iola. Motion to approve by Becky Evans, second by Ben Landry. Motion carries unanimously.

Discussion only regarding the generator and IVFD. No action needed.

Update only WWTP and funding

Update only GLO CDBG Harvey Funding

Update only GIO-Mit Funding

The Board reviewed the Budget being developed for the upcoming fiscal year of 2024-2025. Several changes were discussed; the council will move forward with adoption of the Proposed Budget at the August meeting.

The Board discussed approval to pay the UMB invoice for the annual bond payment for the WWTP. Motion to approve Becky Evans second Ben Landry.

Finance Reports and bank statements were reviewed and considered for approval. Motion by Curtis Darby to approve as written, seconded by Ben Landry. Motion carried unanimously.

No Citizens were present.

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

Respectfully submitted by Donna Ray Donna Ray, Secretary