

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Iola Texas Board of Alderman
June 13, 2023

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, Benjamin Landry.

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

Newly elected Alderman Benjamin Landry was sworn in by Mayor Stover and the executed Statement of Officer was submitted to the City Secretary for filing.

The Mayor presented the Oath of Office to Alderperson Samantha Echols, and Alderman Benjamin Landry. Alderman Wayne Cadro was not present and will be sworn in at a later date.

Minutes for the regular meeting and the Public Hearing Meeting held May 9, 2023 were read for approval. Motion to approve by Becky Evans, seconded by Ben Landry. Motion carries unanimously.

New Business was conducted:

Presentation to council by Emergency Management Coordinator David Lilly.

The council heard and reviewed the updated Grimes County and Participating Jurisdictions Emergency Management Plan. Motion to approve the plan and authorize the Mayor as signatory by Becky Evans. Second by Sammie Echols. Motion carries unanimously.

The Mayor updated the council regarding the CDBG-DR 2nd Round with advisement on what streets she proposed to have worked on with the upcoming grant funds should it be awarded. No action is needed at this time.

The selections committee reviewed and scored SOQ,s from two engineering companies. Becky Evans made a motion to select Bleyl Engineering to complete application and project related to the CDBG-DR. Ben Landry second. Motion carries unanimously.

The Mayor updated the council on the WWTP.

The council considered approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of the City of Iola, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023; For Wastewater System Construction; Levying an Annual Ad Valorem Tax and Providing For the Security For and Payment of Such Certificates; Providing an Effective Date; and Authorizing and Enacting Other Matters and Provisions Related to the Subject.

Ben Landry made a motion to approve second by Becky Evans.

The Council Considered an approval of a Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Principal Forgiveness Agreement Between the Texas Water Development Board and the City of Iola, Texas and an Escrow Agreement Relating Thereto. Becky Evans made a motion to approve second by Sammie Echols. Motion carried unanimously.

- A. The Council considered approval of an Authorized Representative Agreement Execution Resolution with the Texas Water Development Board. Becky Evans made a motion to approve second by Ben Landry motion carried unanimously.
- B. Update regarding CDBG-MIT-MOD
- C. The Council Considered to adopt a Citizen Participation Plan for the City of Iola related to the CDBG MIT MOD application. Sammie Echols made a motion to adopt, second by Ben Landry. Motion carried unanimously
- D. The Council Considered to adopt Procurement Policies and Procedures for the City of Iola related to the CDBG MIT MOD application. Becky Evans made a motion to adopt, second by Sammie Echols. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. The Council Considered to adopt Financial Procedures for the City of Iola related to the CDBG MIT MOD application. Ben Landry made a motion to adopt second by Becky Evans. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Reports were considered for approval. Motion to approve by Becky Evans, seconded by Sammie Echols. Ben Landry reviewed and approved the bank statements.

A reporter from the Navasota Examiner was present at the meeting. Anderson Mayor Marc Benton was also present at the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at about 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by
Donna Ray, City Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Ray". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.