

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Iola Texas Board of Alderman
March 10, 2026

The Board of Alderman of the City of Iola, Grimes County, Texas, met in regular session Tuesday March 10, 2026 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 on February 10, 2026 were read for approval. Motion to approve by Curtis Darby, second by Wayne Cadro. Motion carries unanimously.

New Business was conducted:

The Council approved an Ordinance to proclaim April 2026 National Child Abuse Awareness Month presented by Mrs. Gail Sowell.

The audit was not received by meeting time, discussion was tabled until the audit is completed.

The council discussed the General Election to be held on May 2, 2026. No candidates were opposed. Mayor Christina Stover and Alderpersons Curtis Darby and Becky Evans are here-by declared elected. The new term will begin June 2026.

John Alexander made a motion to cancel the previously ordered General Election by Ordinance, seconded by Becky Evans. Motion carries unanimously.

Ben Landry made a motion to approve the road closure for the IVFD 50th Anniversary Fund raiser and street dance for the weekend of May 2, 2026. The road closure will happen after the voting polls have closed and the employees have left. Motion seconded by Wayne Cadro. Motion carries unanimously.

Discussion for the preliminary discussion of a proposed Data Center Project drew a very large crowd. The Mayor announced that there is not a lot of information at this time. The company is looking at 11 other sites, and nothing has been decided by them. The city will not be included in any plans that may develop should they decide to build in Grimes County.

There were many negative citizens' comments and it was apparent that the citizens are totally against this project.

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

Meeting was adjourned at about 9 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by _____ Donna Ray, Secretary