

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Iola Texas Board of Alderman  
May 09, 2023

The Board of Alderman of the City of Iola, Grimes County, Texas, met in regular session May 09, 2023 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, and Mark Hooper.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Minutes for the regular meeting held on April 11, 2023 were read for approval. Motion to approve by Becky Evans, second by Curtis Darby. Motion carries unanimously.

New Business was conducted:

The Board of Alderman reviewed an invoice due to Texas Municipal League in the amount of \$632 for annual membership to the League, which includes the cost of League services for the period 7/1/2023-6/30/2024. A motion to approve the payment and continue membership in TML was made by Becky Evans, seconded by Curtis Darby. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Alderman discussed the Chief Appraiser's Preliminary Estimate of Taxable Value for Tax year 2023 for the City of Iola. No action is needed at this time.

The Board of Alderman discussed responsibility of the city attorney fees incurred by the city related to a petition submitted by Leona Bess and Iola Missionary Baptist Church to vacate a right of way. Becky Evans made a motion that the Iola Missionary Baptist Church should be responsible to reimburse the City of Iola for those fees. Mark Hooper seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Alderman discussed and considered an invoice to Bovey and Cochran for \$1056.00. Curtis Darby made a motion to approve the invoice total less the amount of \$49.50 that was charged for a service not representing the city. Wayne Cadro seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

The Board of Alderman discussed the petition submitted by Leona Bess and Russell Fox with Iola Missionary Baptist Church and related Ordinance 81 to close vacate and abandon a certain public street right of way, being the alleyway between the lots in Block 228 of the Iola Townsite and authorizing the Mayor to execute any necessary documentation. Curtis Darby made a motion to approve Ordinance 81 seconded by Wayne Cadro. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Alderman discussed and reviewed the audit results from Davis and Heinemann. No action was needed at this time.

The Board of Alderman reviewed an invoice to Davis, Heinemann & Co. CPA in the amount of \$7,700.00 for completing the audit for the FY 2021-2022. Becky Evans made a motion to approve paying the invoice, seconded by Curtis Darby. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Alderman discussed the closing of the American Rescue Plan Act Account # ending 5697 at the First State Bank of Bedias. Becky Evans made a motion to close the account seconded by Curtis Darby. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Alderman discussed purchasing a CD from the funds in the Sales Tax Account # ending 5269 at the First State Bank of Bedias. Curtis Darby made a motion to purchase a \$30,000.00 (thirty thousand) CD from this account. Becky Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Alderman discussed/ considered to authorize the Mayor to submit an Amendment to the Texas General Land Office for modifications to its TEXAS CDBG-DR Harvey Contract (#20-065-052-C162) to include the Harvey Reallocation Funds, including executing all necessary documents required for the amendment. Curtis Darby made a motion to authorize the Mayor to submit and execute all necessary documents, Becky Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Alderman discussed the CDBG TDA Grant application. No action is needed at this time.

The Board of Alderman discussed the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. No action is needed at this time.

Finance Reports were considered for approval. Motion to approve as written by Curtis Darby seconded by Becky Evans. Motion carried unanimously.

Bank Statements were reviewed and approved by Curtis Darby and Wayne Cadro.

Michelle Bobo with Grantworks, Inc. was in attendance at this meeting to answer questions regarding the Amendment to TEXAS CDBG-DR Harvey Contract (#20-065-052-C162) and reallocation of funds.

Meeting was adjourned at about 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ Donna Ray, Secretary