

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Iola Texas Board of Alderman
November 14, 2023

The Board of Alderman of the City of Iola, Grimes County, Texas, met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Iola Volunteer Fire Department Building in Iola TX. Members present: Mayor Christina Stover presiding. Alderman present: Sammie Echols, Becky Evans and Ben Landry.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M. Minutes for the regular meeting held on October 10, 2023, were considered for approval. Motion to approve by Becky Evans, second by Ben Landry. Motion carries unanimously.

New Business was conducted:

The Council discussed/considered/reviewed the City of Iola Insurance Policy rate changes with TMLIRP. Motion to approve to accept as written by Becky Evans second By Sammie Echols. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Alderman considered an Ordinance to approve the tax roll for Tax Year 2021. The total assessed value of properties in the city limits is \$20,949,915.00, with a taxable value of \$20,142,166.00. At a tax rate of \$0.13432100, the total amount of property tax due is \$27,055.25. A motion to approve the Ordinance was made by Ben Landry, seconded by Becky Evans. The motion carries unanimously.

The Board of Alderman considered a Resolution/ballot to cast votes for the candidates for the Board of Directors of the Grimes County Appraisal District. Motion to approve to vote two (2) votes for candidate Alec Pointer was made by Ben Landry, seconded by Becky Evans. Motion carries unanimously.

The Board considered/discussed paying an invoice from Bovey and Cochran for more than \$200.00. Becky Evans made a motion to approve to pay seconded by Sammie Echols. Motion carries unanimously.

The Board discussed approval of the Pipeline License/permit between the City of Iola and BNSF Railways. Motion to approve by Becky Evans seconded by Sammie Echols. Motion carries unanimously.

The Council discussed the Wastewater Treatment Plant project (WWTP). No action was needed at this time.

Finance Reports and bank statements were considered for approval. Motion to approve as written by Ben Landry, second by Becky Evans. Motion carries unanimously.

Pierre and Shanalee Sharboneau were present at the meeting but declined comment.

Motion to adjourn by Becky Evans, second by Ben Landry. Meeting adjourned at about 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Ray, Secretary