

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Iola Texas Board of Alderman
September 13, 2022

The Board of Alderman of the City of Iola, Grimes County, Texas, met in regular session at 7:10 p.m. in the Iola Community Center Building in Iola TX. Members present: Mayor Christina Stover presiding; Mayor Pro-Tem Curtis Darby, Alderman present: Becky Evans, Samantha Echols, and Mark Hooper and Wayne Cadro.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Minutes for the regular meeting held on August 9, 2022, and the Special Meeting held on August 22, 2022 were considered for approval. Motion to approve by Curtis Darby, Mark Hooper seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

New Business was conducted:

The Board discussed the Entergy Franchise Tax received in the amount of \$9021.31. The board took action and a motion was made by Curtis Darby to approve completing the steps needed to receive future payments via ACH. Sammie Echols seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

The Board considered/discussed governing an Ordinance for Requestors for Public Information. Curtis Darby made a motion to proceed allowing 36 Hours per year to be spent at the cost of the requestor. Wayne Cadro seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

The Board discussed applying for a 2023-2024 CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Funding and considered possible Grant Categories. No action was taken at this time.

The City Council is happy to announce and welcome the addition of Joseph Halbert to the city attorney firm Bovey and Cochran.

Becky Evans made a motion to adopt the Resolution Establishing September 20, 2022 as National Voters Registration Day. Curtis Darby seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

The City Council declined to place a vote on the Election of Board of Trustees for the TML.

Becky Evans made a motion to adopt the Resolution Establishing October 5th, 2022 as World Teachers Day. Curtis Darby seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Curtis Darby made a motion to approve an Ordinance Declining to approve the rate change requested in the Statement of Intent filed September 13, 2022 by Entergy Texas, Inc. Mark Hooper seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

The Board discussed progress on the City of Iola TWDB CWSRF (Wastewater Project). Design and Round 2 Funding was discussed. No action needed at this time.

Finance Reports were considered for approval. Motion by Marl Hooper to approve as written, seconded by Curtis Darby. Motion carries unanimously.

Citizens in attendance Sierra Betancourt and Lucy Ybarra

Meeting adjourned about 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by  Donna Ray, Secretary