

**CITY OF IONE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**Ione City Hall**  
**July 8, 2025**  
**6:00pm**

**Present:** Michael Skow, Mayor  
Sabrina Bailey Cave, Council Chair  
Jason Carson, Councilor  
Jesse Shoemake, Councilor  
Brian Spivey, Councilor  
Shad Hass, Public Works  
Mark Patton, Councilor  
Elizabeth Peterson, City Administrator  
Scott Carter, Morrow County Sheriff Office  
Larry Myers, Anderson Perry & Associates  
Brad Baird, PE, Anderson Perry & Associates

**Absent:** Jim Eynetich, Councilor

**Guests:** Jeff Clabaugh, Citizen  
Shirley Dozier, Citizen

**Meeting Call to Order:** Mayor Skow called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Peterson completed roll call.

**Sheriff's Report:** Criminal Sargeant Carter presented the MSCO statistics for May 2025:

- 1. 17 Patrol Hours
- 15 SRO Hours
- 7 Area Checks

**Public Comments:**

1. Ms. Dozier inquired when the track would be open to the public. Ms. Peterson explained that the track was the property of Ione School District and does not fall under the purview of the city.
2. Also, Ms. Dozier asked about chip sealing D Street due the excess dust issue and potholes. Unfortunately, the several rounds of gravel have not abated the problem. It was explained that the city has applied to ODOT to chip seal D, Willow, Burch Streets, and the east end of Second Street.
3. Ms. Peterson informed the Council that Gary and Valerie Krieger, who live off of Emert Drive, are having problems with water pressure to their sprinkler system. Mr. Hass explained how pressure is based on the level of the reservoir and is up to 85 psi. Mr. Hass will speak with Valerie possible regarding backflow issues.
4. Mr. Clabaugh asked about the replacement power pole by the church and if they could be identified prior to digging.
5. Properties in Ione were identified with weed issues. Mr. Clabaugh was asked about clearing the old preschool lot. He will work to get that done.

**Review of Minutes:** The minutes from the June 10 and June 18, 2025 meeting were reviewed the Council. Councilor Carson moved to accept minutes as written. Councilor Shoemake seconded the motion.  
**Vote: All Ayes (Bailey Cave, Carson, Patton, Shoemake, Skow, Spivey)**

**Financial Reports and Bills:** June 2025 financials were attached to the agenda. The council reviewed the financial reports and monthly bills. June 2025 deposits totaled: **\$17,578.95** and June 2025 bills totaled: **\$34,895.01**. Councilor Spivey moved to accept the financials as presented. Councilor Patton seconded the motion.

**Vote: All Ayes (Bailey Cave, Carson, Patton, Shoemake, Skow, Spivey)**

## **Old Business:**

**Sewer System Update Brad Baird, Engineer, Anderson Perry & Associates).** Mr. Baird presented the council with an update on the Wastewater Project (See Attached Report.)

1. Swaggert Brother dug approximately 1500 feet in June working from highest elevation downstream.
2. USDA has not signed off on PMR#7
3. Swaggert Brothers submitted a change order for the amount of \$993,960.26 for the design revision transmitted on May 8<sup>th</sup>. AP believes that these grade changes are already included in the original bid.
4. Anderson Perry & Associates feels that this is premature and has asked that Mr. Hass dig tests at the lift station around July 20-22, 2025
5. At this time, the school will need to continue to pump their septic tanks.
6. AP sent out a letter to Swaggert Brothers regarding the need for qualified personnel per contract.
7. While the digging was preceding at a positive pace but has since slowed down due to personnel turnover.
8. It is possible that the city will have to engage an arbitration attorney regarding Swaggert's bond and if they continue to slow work if a claim should be filed. If this is the route the city takes, there will be an Executive Session called.
9. Collection System is 17% done and the whole project is 47% complete.
10. Representatives from AP , Swaggert Brothers and the city will be having an 8:00 am meeting in the morning to discuss concerns.
11. No Current Change Orders to review.

## **New Business:**

**Resignation of Mayor Skow.** Mayor Skow submitted his resignation effective July 31, 2025. He stated that he did not have the time to dedicate to this project and also has personal reasons. The Council accepted the resignation, though he was asked to stay on to fill which other council position that is vacated due to the appointment of the new mayor. Councilor Patton moved to accept Mayor Skow to fill the vacant position. Councilor Carson seconded.

**Vote: All Ayes (Bailey Cave, Carson, Patton, Shoemake, Skow, Spivey)**

**Nominations for Mayor.** Councilor Shoemake expressed interest in becoming the next mayor. No other councilors were interested. Councilor Patton moved to appoint Councilor Shoemake as the next mayor on effective August 1, 2025. Councilor Carson seconded.

**Vote: All Ayes (Bailey Cave, Carson, Patton, Shoemake, Skow, Spivey)**

**Mayor's Report:** No report given.

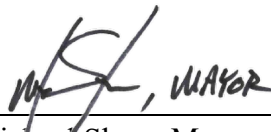
**Council Comments:**

**Public Works Report:** No report given.

**Recorder Report:** No report given.

**Adjournment:** Being as there is no other further business before the council, Mayor Skow adjourned the meeting at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Michael Skow, Mayor

Attested by:

  
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Elizabeth Peterson, City Administrator