



CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL STUDY MEETING

June 20, 2022

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

110 N 1st St.

Minutes

1. Presentation regarding a K9 Program

Interim Police Chief Brian Sher provided the history of the K9 Units in Indianola. He noted that the police ancillary building was paid for by forfeiture funds.

Detective Nicole Stewart shared statistics about drug use and drug-related deaths in Iowa and in Indianola; state and federal laws pertaining to searching cars; startup costs and annual yearly budget for a K9 unit; and funding sources.

Interim Police Chief Sher requested direction from Council on whether staff should explore more grants. The Council discussed the benefits to schools, forfeiture funds, handlers, timeline for the project, the types of dogs that could be used, and the non-monetary value of the dogs.

Council directed staff to keep moving forward.

2. Presentation regarding "Wonder on Buxton" by the Hometown Pride Committee

Doug Bylund, staff liaison for the Hometown Pride Committee, explained the "Wonder on Buxton" project goals. Hometown Pride formed an advisory committee, did surveys, met with focus groups and stakeholders, and hired Group Creative to help create concepts.

The project would add a sculpture series, walking tour with story-telling signs, gathering spaces, art pieces, and bring improvements to a county-owned parking lot.

The Warren Co Board of Supervisors have committed \$30,000 to the parking lot improvements. The Committee will submit for an Iowa Great Places grant, which would pay up to 50% of the project costs.

The Council stated the plan was great and adds to the gateway to the Square.

Meeting ended at 8:46 PM.