



CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL MEETING

June 20, 2022

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

110 N 1st Street

Minutes

Call to Order

The Indianola City Council met in regular session at 6:00 PM on June 20, 2022 in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Stephanie Erickson called the meeting to order and on roll call the following members were present: Heather Hulen, John Parker, Ron Dalby, Gwen Schroder, Christina Beach, Steve Richardson and Mayor Erickson. Absent: None.

Oath of Office

Mayor Erickson administered the Oath of Office to Firefighter/Paramedic Sean Lunde.

Public Comment

Brenda Easter, Indianola Chamber of Commerce, 111 N. Buxton, provided an update on the 'Explore Indianola' tourism website project.

Brandy Werner, 811 N 12th, and owner of Willow Moon Apothecary, 208 W Ashland Ste 100, spoke regarding homelessness issues in Indianola and loitering around businesses on the Square. She asked Council to consider an ordinance that would give the police more authority to help.

Wes Sharp, 1003 Kensington Court, spoke about the need for consistent regulations regarding parking on cul-de-sacs.

Eric Scheuchl, insurance agent for Rudolph Insurance, 123 N Buxton, proposed the City have his company provide insurance renewals tomorrow.

Consent Agenda:

Council Member Hulen requested that agenda item 6B be pulled from the consent agenda. Councilman Richardson requested that agenda items 6K, 6N, and 6P be pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Hulen moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Schroder seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Dalby, Schroder, Beach, Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously. City Manager Ben Reeves reviewed the items approved. The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- Approval of Agenda
- Resolution 2022-112 approving monthly transfers for June 2022
- Approval of Minutes of the prior council meetings
- Resolution 2022-113 setting a public hearing on July 18, 2022, at 6:00 PM regarding a request to

rezone property adjacent to 2110 Country Club Road from A-1 (Agricultural Zoning District) to R-1 (Single-Family Residential Detached Zoning District).

- Approval of a noise permit application for the Des Moines Metro Opera for July 9, 2022
- Approval of a renewal liquor license for Casey's General Store #2894 (Casey's East)
- Approval of a renewal liquor license for SKF, Inc d/b/a I Towner Stop
- Approval of a renewal liquor license for Feed and Foster
- Annual renewal of cigarette and tobacco permit applications
- Approval of Payment Application Number 2 from Absolute Concrete in the amount of \$135,884.92 for the 2022 Infrastructure Improvements Project (Boston Avenue)
- Approval of Payment Application Number 11 from Absolute Concrete in the amount of \$498,453.57 for the Downtown Reconstruction Project (Streetscape)
- Approval of Payment Application Number 24 from Williams Brothers Construction in the amount of \$1,566,562.86 for the Water Resource Recovery Facility Project
- Approval of Urban Revitalization Designations
- Approval of a request by Indianola Public Arts Commission to host the Indianola Summer Arts Festival at Buxton Park on July 30, 2022
- Resolution 2022-114 suspending enforcement of Indianola Code 47.01(11) regarding the sale of wine in city parks for the Indianola Summer Arts Festival, as requested by the Indianola Public Arts Commission
- Resolution 2022-115 setting the Fiscal Year 23 meeting schedule for the Indianola City Council
- Approval of the submission of first quarter 2022 utility write-offs to the State Offset program for collection
- Resolution 2022-116 accepting the completion and approving final payment to TK Concrete, Inc for the Valley Place Reconstruction Project
- Resolution 2022-118 approving a Plat of Survey for Jonathan Ide, located within two miles of the City of Indianola
- Resolution 2022-119 approving a Plat of Survey for Marvin Mahr, located within two miles of the City of Indianola
- Resolution 2022-121 approving the renewal of an agreement between the City of Indianola and the Indianola Country Club for the use of sewer effluent
- Resolution 2022-123 approving salaries

Council Member Richardson moved to approve 6B - Claims and Schroder seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Parker, Dalby, Schroder, Beach, Richardson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Hulen, due to a conflict of interest. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Beach moved to approve 6K - Resolution 2022-117 approving liability, auto, property, worker's compensation and machinery and equipment replacement insurance for Fiscal Year 23. Council Member Schroder seconded it. In discussion, City Manager Reeves explained the renewal process and the reasons for increases in premiums. He noted that staff could post an RFP for insurance during FY23. Brad Bangtson, True North Insurance, provided more details on the renewals. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Dalby, Schroder, Beach, Richardson. NAYS: Beach. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Council Member Richardson moved to approve Resolution 2022-120 approving an Engagement Agreement with Ahlers and Cooney, P.C. regarding Amendment No 7 to the Hillcrest/Downtown Unified Urban Renewal Plan. Council Member Hulen seconded it. In discussion, Community and Economic Development Director Charlie Dissell stated the plan amendment allows for TIF funding. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Dalby, Schroder, Beach, Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Dalby moved to approve Resolution 2022-122 approving a Professional Services Agreement with HR Green for Fiscal Year 23 General Wastewater Engineering Services and Parker seconded it. In discussion, City Manager Reeves explained the services provided in the annual contract. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Dalby, Schroder, Beach, Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Reports

Steve Bieranowski, Service Line Warranties of America, explained the benefits of their program. SLWA has 520 customers in Indianola with 1028 contracts and have completed 20 repairs. They will continue to promote the partnership without mailing flyers.

Council Member Richardson moved to receive and file the May 2022 Treasurer's Report and Dalby seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Dalby, Schroder, Beach, Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Members Parker and Beach gave a status update on the landfill rebuilding project after it was destroyed by a tornado. They are also creating policies for the organization and updating technology.

Council Member Richardson stated the Metro Advisory Committee had discussed scooters, fireworks and received an update from Polk County Emergency Management.

Council Member Richardson moved to approve the reappointment of Jessica Schneider to the Hometown Pride Committee for a term beginning July 1, 2022 and ending July 1, 2024. Council Member Dalby seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Dalby, Schroder, Beach, Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Hulen moved to approve the reappointment of Heidi Levine to the Hometown Pride Committee for a term beginning July 1, 2022 and ending July 1, 2024. Council Member Dalby seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Dalby, Schroder, Beach, Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Erickson provided a recap of the Mayor's Youth Council Bike Fest; reminded the public of Ridiculous Days on June 25 on the Square; asked citizens to be mindful of their neighbors and ordinances when shooting off fireworks; and announced the longevity award recipients for the city.

Old Business

Council Member Richardson moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the Fiscal Year 23 budget amendment and Dalby seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Dalby, Schroder, Beach, Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Lent stated the purpose of the amendment was to increase the COLA for employees at a CE9 and above; it would reduce the forecasted fund balance by \$67,998. There were no other public comments offered.

Council Member Schroder moved to close the Public Hearing and Beach seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Dalby, Schroder, Beach, Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Hulen moved to approve Resolution 2022-124 approving an amendment to the Fiscal Year 23 budget and Beach seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Dalby, Schroder, Beach, Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Beach moved to approve Resolution 2022- 125 approving Fiscal Year 23 salaries and Dalby seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Dalby, Schroder, Beach, Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Beach moved to approve Resolution 2022-126 approving an amendment to the façade as part of the major site plan for a restaurant and retail sales at 1010 North Jefferson Way. Council Member Richardson seconded it. In discussion, Dissell explained the façade plan has changed since Council approved the original on May 16, 2022. This resolution would approve an update to the plan. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Dalby, Schroder, Beach, Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

City Manager's Report - Ben Reeves

City Manager Reeves stated he has met with several committees, organizations, and businesses in our community. He is working with staff on a salary survey and market analysis. Reeves reported the governmental training meeting for June 22 has been cancelled. He let Council know that the City has received an application for a fireworks display. Reeves noted that the employee awards banquet is June 21, the active shooter training for businesses is on June 23 and he will be out of the office June 29 - July 7.

Council Member Richardson moved to enter into closed session in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(j) to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. Council Member Beach seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Dalby, Schroder, Beach, Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

At 7:59 PM it was moved by Schroder and seconded by Beach to exit the closed session. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Dalby, Schroder, Beach, Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously. There was no action taken on items discussed in closed session.

Councilman Richardson stated he would like the Council to address the issues of homelessness, loitering and parking that were brought up in public comment during a future meeting. The Council agreed to have those items added to a future agenda.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM on a motion by Richardson and seconded by Schroder. Question was called for and on voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Stephanie Erickson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, City Clerk