



CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL STUDY MEETING

November 7, 2022

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

110 N 1st Street

Minutes

Veteran's Memorial Aquatic Center Annual Report

Recreation Coordinator Afton Bradley presented the Veteran's Memorial Aquatic Center Annual Report. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Awarded Des Moines' People's Choice 2022 Winner
- Fully staffed in 2022; many facilities were not able to obtain a full staff.
- VMAC Values - certification and training; family atmosphere; pride in facility; dedication; communication; collaboration
- Community gathering place - cardboard boat races, splash and story time, stats on season attendance
- Programming - instructions, training, adult wellness, tot splash time
- The facility is 25 years old; 2022 maintenance and improvement costs were \$53,040; a pool feasibility study will be conducted

The Council asked about pool maintenance and planned improvements.

Indianola Public Library's Annual Report

Michele Patrick, Director of Indianola Public Library, presented the annual report. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Record circulation in FY22
- Card holder statistics
- Record attendance at library programs in FY22
 - Added new programs that were well received
 - Lack of space limits what other programs they can add
- Library collection
- Circulation comparison
- Door counts
- Building maintenance for FY22 \$67,616; 20% higher than previous year
- Building repairs
- CIP - boiler replacement, lighting replacement, 5 year plan

The Council asked about the cost of eBooks, collection counts and non-monetary donations accepted by the library

Downtown Square Reconstruction Update

Community and Economic Development Director Charlie Dissell provided an update on the Square Reconstruction Project. The update included information regarding:

- Timeline of project
- Project tasks
- Issues faced
- Contract Construction Costs
- Next steps

The Council asked about TIF, the façade grant program, monuments, and the specific alleys and parking lots to be reconstructed.

The Study Session adjourned at 6:53 p.m.