



CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL MEETING

November 7, 2022

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

110 N 1st Street

Minutes

Call to Order

The Indianola City Council met in regular session at 7:00 PM on November 7, 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. Absent: None.

Public Comment

Kathy Magruder, Page Turners Book Store, requested that the Council approve the event application for Home for the Holidays as submitted.

Consent Agenda:

Council Member Hulen moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Dalby seconded it. In discussion, City Manager Ben Reeves highlighted items on the consent agenda. Council discussed the benefits of knowing which properties have repeated nuisance abatements. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Dalby, Schroder, Beach, Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Claims
- Approval of Minutes of the prior council meetings
- Resolution 2022-220 setting a public hearing on November 21, 2022, for an application for exemption of sign code at 1010 North Jefferson Way, Indianola, Iowa.
- Resolution 2022-221 setting a public hearing on November 21, 2022, for an application for exemption of sign code at 102 North Jefferson Way, Indianola, Iowa.
- Resolution 2022-222 fixing November 21, 2022, for a public hearing on the proposal to enter into an Infrastructure Agreement with Indianola Industrial Park, LLC.
- Consideration of the approval of a renewal liquor license for Hy-Vee Food Store.
- Consideration of the approval of a Payment Application for the Quail Meadows Sidewalk Connector in the amount of \$36,005 to G&G Landscaping and Excavating.
- Resolution 2022-223 approving a farm lease with Mark Putney.
- Third consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Indianola, Iowa by amending provisions pertaining to alcoholic beverage control.
- Second consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Indianola, Iowa for fireworks sales locations.
- Resolution 2022-224 approving updated fee schedule, amending nuisance/property maintenance administrative fee.
- Resolution 2022-225 approving sale of a portion of the north/south alley that lies west of Lot 14 of the Plat of Jones and Windles Addition to Indianola, Warren County, Iowa to Cheryl Taylor.
- Resolution 2022-226 authorizing the provider participation agreement and the intergovernmental transfer of public funds agreement.

- Resolution 2022-227 approving the purchase of a softball infield groomer.
- Resolution 2022-228 determining police department property to be surplus and authorizing sale of property.
- Resolution 2022-229 authorizing the certification of liens to the Warren County Treasurer for purposes of assessing the cost of nuisance abatement against property.
- Resolution 2022-230 approving Change Order Number 5 for the 2022 Infrastructure Improvements Project on West Boston Avenue.
- Resolution 2022-231 approving purchase of property and authorizing the execution of the contract.
- Resolution 2022-232 approving salaries.

Council Reports

Council Member Hulen provided an update on the Capital Crossroads Steering Committee.

Parker moved to approve the appointment of Megan Shipley to the Indianola Public Arts Commission for a term beginning immediately and ending July 1, 2024, and Richardson 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 gave an update on the Mayor's Youth Council, community events, and new businesses in the community. She also announced Amanda Zwanzinger as the new Indianola Chamber of Commerce president.

Old Business

Council Member Beach moved to approve the first consideration of an ordinance regarding the use of fireworks, by removing July 5 and modifying the allowable times for July 4. Council Member Hulen seconded it. The Council discussed fireworks usage and the state-mandated fine for illegal use. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Dalby, Schroder, Beach, Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director Akhilesh Pal requested direction regarding the placement of sidewalks on the Hillcrest Avenue Reconstruction Project and provided information on the depth of the water line with sidewalks installed. The City received a request from IMU to remove sidewalks from the southside of project area design. Council discussed future use plans for Hillcrest Avenue and noted that a sidewalk on the South side is needed. Council directed staff to keep the plans the same, with sidewalks installed on the south side of the road.

New Business

Council Member Dalby moved to approve a special event application for Home for the Holidays from the Indianola Downtown Merchants and allowing the street closure to begin at 2 p.m. Council Member Beach seconded it. The Council discussed what time the street closure should begin. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Dalby, Schroder, Beach, Richardson. NAYS: Council Member Schroder. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Council Member Richardson moved to approve Resolution 2022-233 approving the memorandum of understanding for the Greater Des Moines Fair Play Agreement and Hulen seconded it. Community and Economic Development Director Charlie Dissell explained how the agreement would benefit Indianola. 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 2022-234 approving the purchase of a K9 patrol vehicle for the Police Department and Dalby seconded it. Lieutenant Rob Hawkins discussed the cost of the car and add-on features. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Dalby, Schroder, Beach, Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

City Manager Ben Reeves stated that he is participating in a new sheriff's advisory committee and meeting with the director of DMMO soon.

Council Member Parker moved to enter into closed session at 8:07 p.m. 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.

Parker moved to exit the closed session at 8:16 p.m. and Richardson 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. No action was taken on items discussed in closed session.

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Richardson moved to exit the closed session at 8:46 p.m. and Parker 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. No action was taken on items discussed in closed session.

Council Member Richardson moved to enter into closed session at 8:47 p.m. in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(c) to discuss strategy with legal counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent and where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the government. 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.

Hulen moved and Parker seconded to exit the closed session at 9:19 p.m. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Dalby, Schroder, Beach, Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously. No action was taken on items discussed in closed session.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m. on a motion by Parker and seconded by Hulen. Question was called for and on voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Stephanie Erickson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, City Clerk