



## **CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL MEETING**

December 5, 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 December 5, 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**

There were no public comments offered.

### **Consent Agenda:**

Council Member Hulen moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Parker seconded it. City Manager Ben Reeves noted the published November 21 minutes were corrected in order to state that Councilmember Richardson abstained from the vote on the motion of intent to sell property to the Warren County Historical Society. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Dalby, Schroder, Beach, Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously. The consent agenda was as follows:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Claims
- Approval of Minutes of the prior council meetings
- Resolution 2022-249 setting January 3, 2023 for a public hearing on the proposal to enter into an Offer to Buy Real Estate with the Warren County Historical Society related to the conveyance of property in the Hillcrest/Downtown Unified Urban Renewal Plan Area.
- Consideration of the approval of a renewal liquor license for The SP Grill Inc, dba The Sports Page Grill.
- Consideration of the approval of a renewal liquor license for Ohio Martinez LLC, dba Fiestas Jalepenos Mexican Restaurant, pending final dram shop approval.
- Third consideration of an ordinance regarding the use of fireworks, by removing July 5 and modifying the allowable times for July 4.
- Second consideration regarding an amendment to Chapter 165 by adding a sign code and deleting Chapter 167.
- Resolution 2022-250 approving the Arts Master Plan.
- Approval of the Civil Service Commission's list of applicants certified as eligible for the position of Police Captain.
- Resolution 2022-251 terminating the parks mowing contract with Excel Lawns & Landscape.
- Resolution 2022-252 approving a parks mowing agreement and contract with Woosley Landscaping.
- First consideration of a proposed Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Indianola, Iowa, by adding provisions pertaining to a new Chapter for a Sustainability Committee.

- Resolution 2022-253 referring a rezoning application for 1206 and 1300 West 2nd Avenue to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Resolution 2022-254 approving salaries.

### **Council Reports**

Council Member Hulen provided a Capital Crossroads Steering Committee Report. The committee has selected several issues to focus on, including a shortage of affordable housing, individual and environmental health concerns, “brain drain,” school enrollment issues, and sustainability.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Erickson invited the public to attend “Home for the Holidays” on the Square on December 10 from 5-9 p.m.

Council Member Richardson moved to approve the appointment of Randy Bickham to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term beginning immediately and ending July 1, 2025. Council Member 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.

### **Old Business**

Council Member Parker moved to approve Resolution 2022-255 approving Amendment Number 3 to a Professional Services Agreement with Bolton and Menk, Inc. for engineering services for the Downtown Square Reconstruction Project and authorizing payment. Council Member Schroder seconded it. In discussion, Community and Economic Development Director Charlie Dissell stated the amendment includes items through the end of 2022 and will increase the contract price by approximately \$117,000. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Dalby, Schroder, Beach, Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

Council Member Schroder moved to approve Resolution 2022-256 approving participation in the North and Middle Rivers Watershed Management Authority Agreement and Beach seconded it. In discussion, Devin Markley, Carlisle City Manager and member of the Management Authority, discussed the agreement. The mission statement, goals of the authority, and Indianola's impact on the rivers were also discussed. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Schroder, Beach, Richardson. NAYS: Dalby. Whereas, the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Council Member Parker moved to approve Resolution 2022-257 assisting the City of Carlisle on matching funds for community attraction and tourism grant for trail/park improvements and Hulen seconded it. In discussion, Cassie Hall, member of the Carlisle Friends of the Parks, discussed the plan and explained how Indianola would be recognized for their contribution. 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 Schroder moved to approve the first consideration of an Ordinance to increase monthly residential recycling fees 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.

### **Other Business**

City Manager Reeves discussed his recent meeting with Greg Edwards, Catch Des Moines (CVB) in regard to Indianola's membership in the Bureau. The Council would like to increase communication to CVB from the City and review the agreement next fall to see if expectations have been met.

The Council did not meet in closed session.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. on a motion by Parker and seconded by Richardson. Question was called for and on voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

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Stephanie Erickson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jackie Raffety, City Clerk