



CITY OF INDIANOLA SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

February 7, 2023

6:00 PM

People's Bank Conference Room
500 E Iowa Avenue, Indianola, IA 50125
Minutes

Call to Order

The Indianola City Council met in special session at 6:00 PM on February 7, 2023, at People's Bank, Conference Room, 500 E Iowa Avenue. Those in attendance were Councilmembers Heather Hulen, John Parker, Ron Dalby, Gwen Schroder, Christina Beach, and Steve Richardson and Mayor Stephanie Erickson. Staff present were City Manager Ben Reeves and Director of Finance Andy Lent.

Strategic Planning Session

The council held a strategic planning session, led by Cassandra Halls, 2 the Top Consulting, and Scott Raecker, Drake University. The Council reviewed comments from department head survey. Halls explained the difference between strategic planning and tactical planning. Council should provide broad goals and allow staff to develop road map to meet goals. Next steps are for the consultants to meet with the department directors and then with Council to develop the strategic plan.

Fiscal Year 24 Budget Discussion and Possible Direction

The Fiscal Year 24 budget priorities were discussed, along with state legislation that may impact it. The Council indicated they would like to avoid a property tax levy increase. City Manager Reeves explained the requested new personnel and the Council participated in a ranking exercise to prioritize these new positions. Staff will report later on the final ranking tally. Further discussion took place on other steps to cut spending to avoid a property tax levy increase.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Stephanie Erickson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, City Clerk