



CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL STUDY MEETING

February 21, 2023

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

110 N 1st Street, Indianola, IA

Minutes

Council Members Present: Heather Hulen, John Parker, Ron Dalby, Gwen Schroder (via Zoom), Christina Beach, Steven Richardson. Absent: Mayor Stephanie Erickson.

Hotel/Motel Tax Revenue Discussion

Andy Lent, Asst City Manager/CFO reviewed the hotel/motel tax revenue distribution. The projected amount that can be distributed to civic organizations is \$60,714.00. He reviewed the civic organizations' requests for funds for FY24. Council directed staff to stay at the projected amount and not dip into reserves.

They directed staff to fund the requests as follows:

DMMO: \$8500

Indianola Concert Association: \$500

KIB: \$6000

NBC: \$8500

GDSM Partnership: \$8500

IPAC: \$8500

Downtown Merchants: \$8500

Warren County Fair: \$8500

WCLI Playground: \$2500

Lent proposed some possible changes to the application process: request follow-up presentations; cap request to \$5000 or \$10000 annually; new applicants must present to council prior to inclusion; wait until the end of the budget cycle to receive requests (April May); must keep economic development purpose. Council directed staff to update the current policy with these changes.

Lent reviewed upcoming state legislative changes and proposed changes that would affect the city's budget.

Councilmember Richardson shared some talking points elected officials can share with state legislators.

Indianola Police Department Annual Report

This report was not given due to the Chief of Police being unavailable.

Discussion regarding upcoming agenda items from within the regular February 21, 2023 City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

City Manager Ben Reeves shared a concept on Indianola University, a multi-week training camp for individuals interested in local government.

Study session adjourned at 6:49 p.m.