



CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL MEETING

June 28, 2023

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers
110 N 1st St., Indianola, IA
Minutes

Call to Order

The Indianola City Council met in special session at 6:00 PM on June 28, 2023, in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Stephanie Erickson called the meeting to order and on roll call the following members were present: Christina Beach, John Parker, Ron Dalby, Steve Richardson, Gwen Schroder, Josh Rabe. Absent: None

Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

Consent Agenda

Agenda item 5B – Approval of Claims was pulled from the Consent Agenda on a request by Council Member Parker. Council Member Beach moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Parker seconded it. On roll call the vote was AYES: Parker, Dalby, Richardson, Schroder, Rabe, and Beach. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously. The consent agenda was as follows:

- Approval of Agenda
- Resolution 2023-144 approving Fiscal Year 23 year-end transfers.
- Approval of Minutes of the June 19 meeting
- Approval of Payment Application Number 35 from Williams Brothers Construction, Inc in the amount of \$14,833.82 for the Water Resource Recovery Facility Project.
- Resolution 2023-145 approving Fiscal Year 24 Professional Services Agreement with HR Green for general wastewater engineering services.
- Resolution 2023-146 authorizing an agreement and contract for fire protection and emergency response services between the City of Indianola and the City of Sandyville.
- Second consideration of an ordinance amending Ordinance Nos. 1026, 1137, 1218, 1322, 1336, 1428, 1217, 1314, 1396, 1549, 1613, 1616, 1668, and 1671 providing that general property taxes levied and collected each year on certain property located within the Amended Hillcrest/Downtown Unified Urban Renewal Area, in the City of Indianola, County of Warren, State of Iowa, shall no longer be divided under Iowa Code Section 403.19 in connection with the Amended Hillcrest/Downtown Unified Urban Renewal Area (removing "Hillcrest Amendment No. 2 Subarea" and "Downtown Original Urban Renewal Area" from division of taxes).
- Third consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Indianola, Iowa by amending Section 69.10, regarding snow emergency applicability in the Downtown Square.
- Third consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Indianola, Iowa by amending Chapter 163, Abandoned or Unsafe Buildings.

- First consideration of an Ordinance deleting Chapter 126, Indianola Bike Nite.
- Approval of Urban Revitalization Designations
- Resolution 2023-147 approving salaries.

Council Member Richardson moved to approve Agenda Item 5B-Approval of Claims, and Rabe seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Schroder, Rabe, Beach, Dalby, and Richardson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Parker, due to a conflict of interest. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Council Reports

Council Member Parker moved to receive and file the May 2023 EMS Billing Activity Report and Schroder seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Dalby, Richardson, Schroder, Rabe, Beach, and Parker. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Schroder moved to approve the reappointment of Leslie Held to the Downtown Square Commission for a term beginning July 1, 2023, and ending July 1, 2026, and Parker seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Beach, Parker, Dalby, Richardson, and Schroder. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Schroder moved to approve the reappointment of Jaime Parrott to the Downtown Square Commission for a term beginning July 1, 2023, and ending July 1, 2026, and Parker seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Beach, Parker, Dalby, Richardson, and Schroder. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Parker moved to approve the reappointment of Mellisa Sones to the Indianola Hometown Pride Committee for a term beginning July 1, 2023, and ending July 1, 2025, and Richardson seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Dalby, Richardson, Schroder, Rabe, Beach, and Parker. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Schroder moved to approve the appointment of Mellisa Sones to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term beginning immediately and ending July 1, 2025, and Richardson seconded it. The Council discussed candidate qualifications. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Beach, Parker, Dalby, Schroder, and Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Erickson encouraged citizens to volunteer in the community and vote in the contest for a city mural project; and commended staff on successful events held over the weekend.

Council Member Parker moved to approve the appointment of Emily Damman to the Indianola Wellness Campus Board of Trustees for a term beginning July 1, 2023, and ending July 1, 2025, and Dalby seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Dalby, Richardson, Schroder, Rabe, Beach, and Parker. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Parker moved to approve the appointment of Lindsay Dean to the Indianola Wellness Campus Board of Trustees for a term beginning July 1, 2023, and ending July 1, 2024,

and Rabe seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Dalby, Richardson, Schroder, Rabe, Beach, and Parker. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Council Member Parker moved to approve Resolution 2023-148 approving the allocation of funds for the 2023 Downtown Façade and Interior Improvement Program and Richardson seconded it. Associate Planner Emily Rizvic reviewed the applications that were recommended for approval. On roll call was, AYES: Richardson, Schroder, Beach, and Parker. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Dalby and Rabe, both due to a conflict of interest. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Other Business

City Manager Ben Reeves stated City Hall offices will be closed on July 3; commended IT Staff on a successful conversion project; met with Iowa DOT on projects and grant opportunities; and stated the City closed on the Hughes property. Staff will bring a recommendation to the next Council meeting regarding the wellness program. He reported that staff met with Warren County regarding the structural condition of the county annex building on the west side of the Square.

Community and Economic Development Director Charlie Dissell presented an update on the Square Reconstruction Project timeline. Council directed staff to delay the west alley project until 2024.

Richardson moved and Parker seconded to enter into closed session at 7:02 PM in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Beach, Parker, Dalby, Richardson, Schroder, Rabe. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded by Beach and Parker to exit the closed session. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Beach, Parker, Dalby, Richardson, Schroder, Rabe. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously. There was no action taken on items discussed in the closed session.

It was moved and seconded by Parker and Schroder to adjourn the meeting. Question was called for and on voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Stephanie Erickson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, City Clerk