



CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL MEETING

January 21, 2025

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

110 N 1st Street, Indianola, IA

Minutes

Call to Order

The Indianola City Council met in regular session at 6:00 PM on January 21, 2025, in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Pro Tem Steve Armstrong called the meeting to order and on roll call the following members were present: Josh Rabe, Ron Dalby, Steve Armstrong, Christina Beach, Mellisa Sones, Steve Richardson. Absent: None.

Oath of Office - Chief Hurt

City Clerk Jackie Raffety administered the Oath of Office to Fire Chief Aaron Hurt.

Public Comment

James Berkley, 1007 South G St., spoke regarding the South K St project.

Tim Crosby, 1303 N 7th St., spoke regarding the condition of the gravel road off 15th St to the east.

Consent Agenda

Approval of claims and a resolution suspending certain requirements of city code where pulled from the consent agenda. Council Member Richardson moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Beach seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Beach, Sones, Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried unanimously.

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes of the January 6 and January 9, 2025, meetings.
- Consideration of the approval of a renewal liquor license for the Indianola Country Club, pending staff approval.
- Third consideration and adoption of an Ordinance for the division of revenues under Section 403.19, Code of Iowa, for Summercrest Hills Urban Renewal Plan.
- Second consideration of an Ordinance for the division of revenues under Section 403.19, Code of Iowa, for The Village Urban Renewal Plan.
- Resolution 2025-008 approving an amendment to the agreement with Snyder and Associates for professional engineering services needed for the North N Street Storm Sewer Infrastructure Repair Project.
- Resolution 2025-009 approving an amendment to the agreement with Snyder and Associates for Engineering Services needed for the West Clinton Avenue Culvert Replacement project.
- Approval of Urban Revitalization Designations
- Resolution 2025-010 approving salaries.

Council Member Beach moved to approve Claims and Rabe seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Beach, Richardson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Sones, due to a conflict of interest. Whereas the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion passed.

The Council discussed moving forward with, or freezing, a cost of living increase for elected and appointed officials. Council Member Richardson moved to affirm the requirements in Code 17.06 and Resolution 2023-199 and Beach seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Beach, Richardson. NAYS: Armstrong, Sones. Whereas the motion passed.

Council Reports

Council Member Beach moved to receive and file the November 2024 EMS Billing Activity Report and Sones seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Beach, Sones, Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Rabe moved to receive and file the December 2024 EMS Billing Activity Report and Dalby seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Beach, Sones, Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Sones moved to receive and file the December 2024 Treasurer's Report and Dalby seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Beach, Sones, Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Richardson gave an update on the Des Moines Partnership meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem's Report

Mayor Pro Tem Armstrong provided an update on the Mayor's Youth Council.

Old Business

Council Member Rabe moved to open the public hearing on the proposed Emerald Bay Urban Renewal Plan and Beach seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Beach, Sones, Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried unanimously.

Interim City Manager Wade Wagoner provided a review of the Emerald Bay Urban Renewal Plan. Jesse Rognes, site developer, commented on the specifics of the URP.

Richardson moved to close the public hearing and Dalby seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Beach, Sones, Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Beach moved to approve Resolution 2025-011 determining an area of the City to be an economic development area, and the rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, development or a combination thereof, of such area is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety or welfare of the residents of the City; designating such area as appropriate for urban renewal projects; and adopting the Emerald Bay Urban Renewal Plan. Dalby seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Beach, Sones, Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Richardson moved to approve the first consideration of an Ordinance for the division of revenues under Section 403.19, Code of Iowa, for the Emerald Bay Urban Renewal Plan and Beach seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Beach, Sones, Richardson. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Beach moved to approve Resolution 2025-012 providing for notice of intent to fill mayoral vacancy by appointment and Rabe seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Beach, Sones, Richardson. NAYS: Armstrong. Whereas the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion passed.

Other Business

Interim City Manager Wagoner updated the council on recent meetings. There was a discussion on the TIF and development agreement process.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM on a motion by Richardson and seconded by Rabe. Question was called for and on voice vote the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried unanimously.

Steve Armstrong, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, City Clerk