CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL MEETING
February 3, 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 February 3, 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.

Public Comment
Brian Sher, Police Chief, requested the Police Union contract be pulled from the consent agenda.
Mary Melville, 606 E Ashland, submitted a comment regarding trees in the right-of-way, which was read by Mayor Pro Tem Armstrong.

Consent Agenda
Council Member Beach requested the Police Union contract be pulled from the consent agenda. Council Member Dalby moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Richardson 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. The consent agenda was as follows:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Claims
- Approval of Minutes of the January 21, 2025 meeting.
- Setting dates for future public hearings
- Resolution 2025-014 setting a public hearing for February 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM and referring a rezoning a rezoning application for Indianola Veterinary Clinic to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Resolution 2025-013 setting a public hearing for February 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM and referring a rezoning application for Summercrest Hills North to the Planning & Zoning Commission.
- Approval of Payment Application Number 14, in the amount of $263,748.38 to Vanderpool Construction Inc. for the East Hillcrest Avenue Reconstruction Project.
- Approval of Payment Application Number 3 in the amount of $147,524.41 to Kline Electric for the Traffic Signal Improvements at South Buxton Street and West 2nd. Avenue.
- Third consideration and adoption of an Ordinance for the division of revenues under Section 403.19, Code of Iowa, for The Village Urban Renewal Plan.
- Second consideration of an Ordinance for the division of revenues under Section 403.19, Code of Iowa, for the Emerald Bay Urban Renewal Plan.
- Resolution 2025-016 appointing representatives to the Mid-Iowa Planning Alliance for Community Development (MIPA).
- Resolution 2025-017 approving a new step on the compensation table for non-paramedic certified employees in the Fire Department.
- Resolution 2025-018 approving development agreements for South K Street.

- Resolution 2025-019 accepting Temporary Access and Utility Easement Agreement.
- Approval of Urban Revitalization Designations
- Resolution 2025-020 approving salaries.

The Council discussed the option of removing the requirement to have officers meet with a mental health professional in-person and instead use an app and self-verify that they have completed the requirement.

Council Member Richardson moved to send the tentative labor agreement back to staff to look at articles 8 and 13 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.

New Business
Streets Superintendent Caleb Adams-Brown proposed the 2025 Brush Facility dates and prices.

Council Member Dalby moved to approve Resolution 2025-021 approving Brush Facility Services for 2025 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 Rabe moved to open the hearing in accordance with Chapter 56, Section 56.05 of the City of Indianola Code concerning seizure, impoundment, and disposition of vicious animals 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.

Torah Poindexter and Kayla Ripperger, 610 Brookwood Dr, owners of the dogs, spoke in opposition of the finding of vicious animals.

Community Service Officer Michels reported on the incident and prior history of the dogs at- large. Captain Hawkins stated that since the bites were in different locations, it is a different incident, even though it occurred on the same day.

Council Member Sones moved to close the 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 Rabe moved to determine the animals as vicious and Richardson seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Richardson. NAYS: Dalby, Armstrong, Beach, Sones. Wheres the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion failed.

Council Reports
Council Member Beach moved to approve the appointment of Al Kratz to the Indianola Public Arts Commission for a term beginning immediately and ending July 1, 2027. Rabe 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 approve the appointment of Rachel Terlop to the Indianola Public Arts Commission for a term beginning immediately and ending July 1, 2027. 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 Richardson gave the legislative update.

Mayor Pro Tem's Report
Council Member Armstrong stated that he met with Redeemer Lutheran Church to discuss housing needs in Indianola.

He then read a proclamation declaring February 2, 2025 as Chris Street Day in Indianola.

Other Business
Interim City Manager Wade Wagoner reported on recent meetings.

Finance Director Jackie Raffety gave an update on the budget for FY26 and reviewed how LOST and Hotel/Motel tax are allocated.

Council set March 12 at 6:30 PM, March 26 at 6 PM, and April 2, 2025 as special meeting dates for city manager recruitment.

Interim City Manager Wade Wagoner stated staff have met with OPN Architects and Ryan Co on remodeling the Regions building. Council Member Armstrong suggested meeting with other stakeholders, like the Chamber and Main Street, to discuss the Regions building. The Council directed staff to include Vision 2030 on every agenda.

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM on a motion by Rabe and seconded by Sones. Question was called for and on voice vote the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried unanimously.

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Steve Armstrong, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

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Jackie Raffety, City Clerk