



CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL MEETING

April 14, 2025

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

110 N 1st Street, Indianola, IA

Minutes

Call to Order

The Indianola City Council met in special session at 6:00 PM on April 14, 2025, in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Steve Richardson called the meeting to order and on roll call the following members were present: Josh Rabe, Ron Dalby, Steve Armstrong, Christina Beach, Mellisa Sones. Absent: None.

Public Comment

There were no public comments offered.

Old Business

City Clerk Jackie Raffety read an email from Eric Martens stating he was withdrawing his application for appointment to the vacant council seat.

The Council stated who they had written down as the candidate to move forward in the appointment process during the council vacancy discussion at the April 7 meeting. The first-round choices were as follows: Josh Rabe: Martens, Lane; Ron Dalby: Lane, Etnyre; Steve Armstrong: Martens, Ross; Christina Beach: Lane, Martens; Mellisa Sones: Lane, Martens.

The council then stated who they wrote down as the candidate to move forward for voting on in the resolution appointing a council member. Josh Rabe: Lane; Ron Dalby: Lane; Steve Armstrong: Martens; Christina Beach: Martens; Mellisa Sones: Lane.

Council Member Rabe moved to approve Resolution 2025-058 appointing Bob Lane as council member to a vacant position and Armstrong seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Beach, Sones. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Richardson administered the Oath of Office to Bob Lane, who then joined the meeting.

Council directed staff to amend the Kentucky Ridge Urban Renewal Area to include the intersection of Kentucky and Jefferson Way. They directed staff to start negotiations with the developer on the installation and payment of a stoplight.

Other Business

City Clerk/Finance Dir. Jackie Raffety presented information on the Fiscal Year 26 budget. The Council discussed the Chamber contribution, hotel/motel tax revenue distribution, employee pay, and a contribution to the humane society. The Council directed staff to administer a three-percent cost-of-living increase for non-union employees, withhold step increases for non-union employees in FY26 and to prepare information for a study session regarding step increases in the summer. The Council will also determine at a later date who will receive hotel/motel tax revenue funding and may discuss other contributions in more detail.

Council Member Armstrong moved to enter into closed session at 7:06 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. Sones seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Beach, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Beach moved to exit the closed session at 8:03 PM and Dalby seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Beach, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

There was no action taken on items discussed in closed session.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM on a motion by Sones and seconded by Beach. Question was called for and on voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Steve Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, City Clerk