



CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL MEETING

April 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 April 21, 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, Mellisa Sones, Bob Lane. Absent: Christina Beach.

Oath of Office

Mayor Richardson administered the Oath of Office to Micah Rice, Firefighter/Paramedic.

Public Comment

There were no public comments offered.

Consent Agenda

The ordinance amending sewer service charges and the resolution appointing MIPA representation were pulled from the consent agenda.

Council Member Rabe moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Lane seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously. The consent agenda was as follows:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Claims
- Approval of Minutes of the prior meetings
- Resolution 2025-059 setting a public hearing for May 19 at 6:00 PM regarding an amendment to the Fiscal Year 25 budget.
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license renewal for Dollar General #22960.
- Consideration of the approval of an amendment to Sticks and Balls liquor license.
- Consideration of the approval of a new tobacco permit to D & M Liquor.
- Consideration of the approval of a device retailer permit for SKF Inc, doing business as I Towner Stop.
- Consideration of a refuse renewal application for Waste Connections.
- Consideration of the issuance of a special event permit for the Murph Community Workout event on May 26, 2025.
- Third consideration and adoption of an ordinance (No. 1768) amending the municipal code of the City of Indianola, Iowa for change of zoning district boundaries from the A- 1 Agricultural/Open Space district to the R-2 Single-Family Residential attached zoning

district (Pickard Estates).

- Resolution 2025-061 suspending enforcement of Indianola Code 47.01(11) regarding the sale and consumption of alcohol in city parks for the Discmania Challenge Disc Golf Tournament at Pickard Park on June 27-29, 2025 as requested by Hy-Vee Food Store.
- Resolution 2025-062 approving the tentative labor agreement between the City of Indianola and the Construction and Public Employees LiUNA Local 177.
- Resolution 2025-063 approving health insurance renewals for Fiscal Year 26.
- Resolution 2025-064 authorizing a program letter of agreement in surgery between Iowa Methodist Medical Center and Indianola Fire Department.
- Resolution 2025-065 authorizing an agreement between The Farm MX and the City of Indianola Fire Department.
- Resolution 2025-066 approving an amendment to the agreement with Dust Pros Janitorial.
- Resolution 2025-067 amending the fee schedule for rental fees for the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Resolution 2025-068 determining property at Regions Bank to be surplus and authorizing sale of said property.
- Approval of Urban Revitalization Designations.
- Resolution 2025-069 approving salaries.

Council Member Rabe moved to approve the third consideration and adoption of an ordinance (No. 1769) amending Chapter 99, Sewer Service Charges, of the Indianola Code of Ordinances, and to correct the scrivener's error in the high strength user fee and Dalby seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Sones, Lane. NAYS: Armstrong. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Council Member Sones moved to approve Resolution 2025-060 appointing MIPA representation and Rabe seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Lane, due to a conflict of interest. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Council Reports

Council Member Lane reported on the MIPA meeting from April 21, 2025.

Council Member Rabe reported on his tour at Regions Bank with Council Member Beach and reported on the progress of the Library architectural plans.

Mayor Richardson gave an Iowa League of Cities legislative update

Council Member Armstrong moved to receive and file the January 2025 Treasurer's Report and Dalby seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Dalby moved to receive and file the February 2025 Treasurer's Report and Sones seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Lane moved to receive and file the March 2025 Treasurer's Report and Sones seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Richardson read proclamations declaring April 25, 2025, as Jay Byers Day in the City of Indianola, April 25, 2025, as Arbor Day in the City of Indianola and May 1, 2025, as 50125 Day in the City of Indianola.

Old Business

Council Member Armstrong moved to open the public hearing regarding the adoption of the Fiscal Year 26 budget and Sones seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk/Finance Director Jackie Raffety presented the Fiscal Year 26 budget information. There were no other public comments offered.

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

Council Member Sones moved to approve Resolution 2025-070 adopting the Fiscal Year 26 budget and Rabe seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Rabe moved to approve Resolution 2025-071 suspending certain requirements of the City of Indianola Code Chapter 17.06 and Resolution 2023-199 for 2025 and Sones seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Fire Chief Hurt and Fire Marshall Captain Neller discussed a proposed amendment to Chapter 160, Section 307 of the Code of Ordinances, regarding burning in city limits. The Council directed staff to bring the ordinance forward for adoption.

Other Business

Interim City Manager Doug Bylund updated the Council on department news.

Council Member Rabe moved to enter into closed session at 6:50 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, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Armstrong moved to exit the closed session at 7:13 PM and Lane seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Dalby moved to approve Resolution 2025-072 appointing Jacob Meshke as City Manager and authorizing the contract for employment and Sones seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM on a motion by Rabe and seconded by Sones. Question was called for and on voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Steve Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, City Clerk