



CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL MEETING

May 5, 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 May 5, 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, Mellisa Sones, Bob Lane. Absent: Christina Beach, Mayor Steve Richardson.

Public Comment

There were no public comments offered.

Consent Agenda

The council requested that the Sticks and Balls Bike Night Events, a resolution approving salaries, and a resolution regarding Outlot Z at Emerald Bay be pulled from the consent agenda. Council Member Dalby moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Rabe seconded it. In discussion, Public Works Director Akhilesh Pal discussed the traffic signal timing updates project. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. 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 prior meetings
- Resolution 2025-073 setting a public hearing on the vacation of 20' Storm Sewer easement in Emerald Bay Plat 1 on May 19, 2025 at 6 PM.
- Resolution 2025-074 setting hearing for complaints filed on tobacco sales permit violations (Hy-Vee Fast and Fresh) for June 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM.
- Resolution 2025-075 setting hearing for complaints filed on tobacco sales permit violations (Indianola Country Club) for June 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM.
- Resolution 2025-076 setting hearing for complaints filed on tobacco sales permit violations (Jay Ambika dba ABC Smoke) for June 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM.
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license renewal for Babars Entertainment, dba The Garage.
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license renewal for Walmart Inc.
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license renewal for Deer Run Partners L.L.C, dba Deer Run Golf Club.
- Consideration of the issuance of a special event permit for Back Alley Bikes for a social event to be held on May 11, 2025.
- Consideration of the issuance of a special event and noise permit to the Indianola Chamber of Commerce for Dads Rock Festival event to be held on June 14, 2025.
- Resolution 2025-078 suspending enforcement of the Indianola Code 45.02(2) regarding the consumption of alcohol on the Downtown City Streets during the Indianola Chamber of Commerce event on June 14, 2025.

- Resolution 2025-079 approving an engineering services agreement with Snyder and Associates for traffic signal timing updates on Highway 92 and 65/69.
- Resolution 2025-080 approving Payment Application Number 2 in the amount of \$7,923.00 to TK Concrete and Change Order Number 2 in the amount of \$2,940.00 for the North N Street Storm Sewer Repairs project.
- Resolution 2025-081 approving a plat of survey request for parcel B of parcel A of lot 11 of Indianola Industrial Park.
- Approval of Urban Revitalization Designations

Council Member Rabe moved to approve the issuance of a special event and noise permit to Sticks and Balls for Bike Nights 2025 and Dalby seconded it. The council and staff discussed the event. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Lane moved to approve Resolution 2025-077 suspending enforcement of Indianola Code 45.02(2) regarding the consumption of alcohol on city streets during Bike Nights as requested by Sticks and Balls. Dalby seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Dalby moved to approve Resolution 2025-082 approving a corrected deed for Outlot Z of Emerald Bay. Lane seconded it. Senior Planner Bill Mettee explained the need for a corrected deed. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Dalby moved to approve Resolution 2025-083 approving salaries and Sones seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Rabe, due to a conflict of interest. Whereas the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion passed.

Council Reports

Council Member Sones provided a Hometown Pride, noting that the committee will be decommissioned as soon as the Wonder on Buxton project is complete.

The Council Members will email their committee meeting dates to the City Clerk.

Council Member Rabe moved to receive and file the March 2025 EMS Billing Activity Report and Dalby seconded it. Question was called for and on voice vote the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem's Report

Mayor Pro Tem Armstrong asked council to give direction to staff on a contract with Kiya Koda or to gather information on other animal control issues. Chief Sher stated that in speaking with the county attorney's office that it would be very difficult to get restitution charges for a simple misdemeanor charge such as dogs running at large. The council asked Chief Sher to provide data on the usage of Kiya Koda by the Police Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Armstrong read a proclamation declaring May as Employee Recognition Month in the City of Indianola.

Council Member Sones moved to approve the appointment of Mike Baethke to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a term beginning immediately, and ending July 1, 2027, filling a vacant, unexpired term. Lane seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Council Member Rabe moved to approve the first consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 160, Section 307 of the Code of Ordinances, Indianola, Iowa. Dalby seconded it. Fire Chief Aaron Hurt discussed the proposed ordinance. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Council Member Dalby moved to approve the first consideration of an ordinance repealing Chapter 32 of the Code of Ordinances, Indianola, Iowa. Lane seconded it. City Clerk Jackie Raffety explained the proposed ordinance. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Rabe moved to approve the first consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 55, Animal Protection and Control, of the Code of Ordinances, Indianola, Iowa, regarding chickens. Lane seconded it. Senior Planner Mettee explained the proposed changes in the ordinance. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Dalby moved to approve the first consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 136, Sidewalk Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances, Indianola, Iowa. Sones seconded it. Senior Planner Mettee explained the proposed changes in the ordinance. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Rabe moved to approve the first consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 165, Zoning Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances, Indianola, Iowa. Lane seconded it. Senior Planner Mettee explained the proposed changes in the ordinance. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Lane moved to approve the first consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 170, Subdivision Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances, Indianola, Iowa. Sones seconded it. Senior Planner Mettee explained the proposed changes in the ordinance. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution approving final plat for Simpson Athletics Plat 1. Council Member Dalby moved to approve Resolution 2025-084 approving the final plat for Simpson Athletics Plat 1 and Rabe seconded it. Senior Planner Mettee explained the proposed Simpson Athletics Training/Competition Facility. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Dalby moved to approve Resolution 2025-085 approving the site plan for Simpson Athletics Training/Competition Facility. Sones seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

Doug Bylund Interim City Manager's updated the council on department activities.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM on a motion by Dalby and seconded by Sones. Question was called for and on voice vote the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried unanimously.

Steve Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, City Clerk