CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL MEETING
May 19, 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 19, 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.

Public Comment
Kurt Moffitt, 15975 Hwy 92; Doug Onstot, 17658 Illinois St., Ackworth; Steve Piffer, 8954 125th Ave.; Roger Woodruff, 8504 165th Ave.; Brad Kaufman, 14931 85th Ave.; Blake Woodruff, 9514 160th Ave.; and Adam Hill, 11028 165th Ave. spoke in favor of removing the trail crossing island on Hillcrest Avenue.

Consent Agenda
A memorandum regarding the Hillcrest Ave. trail crossing and a resolution approving salaries were pulled from the consent agenda. Council Member Sones moved to approve the Consent Agenda 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. The consent agenda was as follows:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Claims
- Approval of Minutes of the May 5, 2025, City Council meeting.
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license renewal for Walgreens #05943.
- Consideration of the approval of a new liquor license for Des Moines Metro Opera.
- Second consideration of an ordinance repealing Chapter 32 of the Code of Ordinances, Indianola, Iowa (IWC Board of Trustees).
- Second consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 55, Animal Protection and Control, of the Code of Ordinances, Indianola, Iowa, regarding chickens.
- Second consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 136, Sidewalk Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances, Indianola, Iowa.
- Second consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 165, Zoning Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances, Indianola, Iowa.
- Second consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 170, Subdivision Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances, Indianola, Iowa.
- Resolution 2025-086 suspending enforcement of the Indianola Code 45.02(2) regarding the consumption of alcohol on the Downtown City Streets during the Suds on Salem event on May 30, 2025.
- Resolution 2025-087 approving Payment Application Number 5 in the amount of $30,988.05 to Kline Electric and Change Order Number 3 in the amount of $3,500 and two additional working days for the Buxton Traffic Signal Project.

- Resolution 2025-088 approving Amendment Number 1 to the professional services agreement with HR Green, Inc. for the Iowa Avenue Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project.
- Consideration of the approval of a Home Base Iowa Initiative Application from Matthew Sharp and authorization of a handwritten warrant in the amount of $1500.00.
- Receive and file a memorandum regarding IAFF Local 4 - Fire Union.

The Council Members discussed the issues with the trail crossing at Hillcrest Avenue. The Council directed staff to bring back an option that addresses all the issues. Some options suggested were curb grinding, expanding the width, adding a light, and grant funding.

Council Member Rabe moved to approve Resolution 2025-089 approving salaries and Armstrong seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Dalby, due to a conflict of interest. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Council Reports
Council Member Sones deferred the CIRTPA report to the next meeting.

Council Member Dalby moved to receive and file the April 2025 Treasurer's Report and Armstrong 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 announced upcoming community events and gave a report on the MILAG meeting.

Council Member Armstrong moved to approve the appointment of Travis Bell to the Civil Service Commission for a term beginning immediately and ending April 1, 2027, 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 Richardson proclaimed the week of May 18, 2025, as Public Works Week in Indianola.

Old Business
The Council and Fire Chief Aaron Hurt discussed the proposed ordinance. Council Member Armstrong moved to approve the second consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 160, Section 307 of the Code of Ordinances, Indianola, Iowa (recreational burning). 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 Lane moved to open the public hearing regarding the second amendment to the Fiscal Year 25 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.

Finance Director Jackie Raffety stated the changes to the budget. There were no other public comments offered.

Council Member Armstrong moved to close the public hearing 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 Dalby moved to approve Resolution 2025-090 approving the second amendment to Fiscal Year 25 Budget. Armstrong 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 open the public Hearing regarding the vacation of 20' Storm Sewer easement in Emerald Bay Plat 1. 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.

Senior Planner Bill Mettee discussed the easement and final plat 2 for Emerald Bay. There were no other public comments offered.

Council Member Rabe moved to close the public hearing 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 Sones moved to approve Resolution 2025-091 approving the vacation of 20' Storm Sewer easement in Emerald Bay Plat 1. 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 2025-092 approving Final Plat for Emerald Bay Plat 2 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.

New Business
IWC Director Heather Hulen requested approval to fill vacant positions for lifeguards and member services. The council directed her to fill the positions.

Captain Hawkins requested approval to fill a vacant officer position in the police department. The council directed the police department to proceed with filling the position.

Interim City Manager Doug Bylund announced possible naming rights for the IWC. IWC Director Hulen suggested improvements to the sponsorship process. Mike Baethke, 704 W Scenic Valley Dr., spoke against receiving the money up front. Mayor Richardson asked Council Member Lane to assist with the process. The council directed staff to move forward.

Other Business
Interim City Manager Bylund reported on projects and work in some of the City's departments.

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM on a motion by Sones and seconded by Lane. Question was called for and on voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

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Steve Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jackie Raffety, City Clerk