



CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL MEETING

August 4, 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 August 4, 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

Mike May, 1216 E Franklin Ave. spoke on animal control in the city. Adam Hill, 11028 165th Ave.; Roger Woodruff, 8504 165th Ave.; Doug Onstot, 17658 Illinois St. Ackworth; spoke in favor of removing the Hillcrest pedestrian crossing.

Consent Agenda

Items pulled off the consent agenda were the consideration of the approval of a liquor license renewal for Groggy Dog; consideration of the approval of a device retailer permit for SKF Inc., doing business as I Towner Stop.

Council Member Dalby moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Rabe seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Lane, Sones, Armstrong, Dalby, Rabe. 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
- Consideration of the approval of an ownership change for Sodexo Management Inc. doing business as Simpson College liquor license.
- Consideration of the approval of a new liquor license for Kwik Trip Inc., doing business as Kwik Star #1742, pending staff approval.
- Resolution 2025-134 authorizing the certification of liens to the Warren County Treasurer for purposes of assessing the cost of nuisance abatements against properties.
- Resolution 2025-135 appointing the City of Indianola representation to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- Resolution 2025-136 suspending the requirements of Chapter 400 as it pertains to the Civil Service Commission certifying a list of names eligible for appointment to a civil service position.
- Resolution 2025-137 authorizing purchase of in-car camera systems for the Indianola Police Department using funds from the Prairie Meadows Community Betterment grant.
- Resolution 2025-138 approving Final Payment Number 9, Change Order Number 6,

Final Acceptance, and Retainage Release for Indianola Industrial Park Plat 3 Improvements.

- Resolution 2025-139 approving an amendment to an agreement with Snyder & Associates for the East Hillcrest Avenue Reconstruction Project.
- Resolution 2025-140 approving salaries.

Council Member Lane moved to approve the liquor license renewal for Groggy Dog, pending staff approval. 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 Dalby moved to approve the device retailer permit for I-Towner Stop. Rabe seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Armstrong, Lane, Rabe, Dalby. NAYS: Sones. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Richardson invited the public to attend the truck route meeting. The Mayor commented on recent successful events in Indianola.

Council Member Lane moved to approve the appointment of Paul Craven to the Indianola Board of Trustees for a term beginning immediately and ending July 1, 2031. 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. The Mayor administered the oath of office.

Old Business

Public Works Director Akhilesh Pal and Dave Moeller, Snyder & Associates, presented cost options for the Hillcrest pedestrian median. Doug Onstot, 17658 Illinois St. Ackworth, and Adam Hill, 11028 165th Ave., spoke in favor of removing the pedestrian median. Council directed staff to pursue the no-cost interim curb grinding solution before harvest season if scheduling allows and bring back the item in November.

City Manager Jacob Meshke updated Council on an animal control contract with the Animal Rescue League of Iowa (ARL).

Council Member Dalby moved to approve a resolution terminating contract with Kiya Koda regarding animal control in the City of Indianola. Rabe seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Lane, Rabe, Dalby. NAYS: Armstrong, Sones. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion failed.

New Business

Council Member Rabe moved to approve Resolution 2025-142 approving the site plan for Pickard Commerce Park Plat 1, Lots 4 and 5 (404 South 21st Street). Sones seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane, Rabe. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

City Manager Jacob Meshke reported on the hiring of new positions, department updates and upcoming community events.

Council Member Rabe moved to enter into closed session at 7:57 PM in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(c) to discuss strategy with legal counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent and where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the government and Lane seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane, Rabe. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Sones moved to exit closed session at 8:02 PM. Lane seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Lane, Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones. 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 8:05 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.

Steve Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, City Clerk