



CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL MEETING

August 18, 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 18, 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

No public comments were offered.

Consent Agenda

Council Member Dalby moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Sones seconded it. City Manager Jacob Meshke reported on the items. 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
- Consideration of the approval of Payment Application Number 3 in the amount of \$52,804.23 to Sternquist Construction for the West Clinton Avenue Reconstruction Project.
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license renewal for Tienda La Mexicana Inc., doing business as La Tiendita Mexican Store.
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license renewal for The Zoo, Inc.
- Consideration of the issuance of a special event and noise permit to Helping Hand on September 6, 2025 for the Helping Hand Run and Jam Event.
- Consideration of the issuance of a special event permit to West Hill Brewing for a Bags Tournament for Huntington's Disease.
- Resolution 2025-143 suspending enforcement of Indianola Code 45.02(2) regarding the consumption of alcohol on city streets during the Bags Tournament for Huntington's Disease, as requested by West Hill Brewing Company on September 13, 2025.
- Resolution 2025-144 suspending enforcement of Indianola Code 45.02(2) regarding the consumption of alcohol on a portion of West Salem Avenue during West Hill Brewing Company's Oktoberfest Street Party on September 19, 2025.
- Resolution 2025-145 appointing Bryce Johnson to the position of Zoning Administrator.
- Resolution 2025- 146 approving engagement letter with Ahlers and Cooney, P.C. for general economic development matters.

Council Reports

Council Member Lane reported on the IMU Board meeting on August 11, 2025 and MIPA meeting on August 18, 2025.

Council Member Sones reported on Indianola Main Street's upcoming events and economic vitality discussions.

Council Member Lane moved to receive and file the June 2025 Treasurer's Report and Rabe seconded it. Question was called for and on voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Richardson provided an update of community events.

New Business

City Manager Meshke explained a proposed amendment to Chapter 25 of the Code of Ordinances. Council Member Rabe moved to approve the first consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 25 of the Indianola Municipal Code (Utility Board of Trustees) to provide qualifications for utility board membership 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.

City Manager Meshke discussed a proposed lease agreement with House of Mercy. Council Member Lane moved to approve Resolution 2025-147 to approve lease agreement between the City of Indianola, Iowa and House of Mercy 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.

Other Business

City Manager Jacob Meshke gave a report on city departments.

Council Member Sones moved to enter into closed session at 6:22 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. 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 Sones moved to exit the closed session at 7:23 PM 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. There was no action taken on items discussed in closed session.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM on a motion by Armstrong 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