CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL MEETING
September 2, 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 September 2, 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 (via Teams), Ron Dalby, Steve Armstrong, Christina Beach, Mellisa Sones, Bob Lane. Absent: None.

Public Comment
Mike May, 1216 E Franklin Ave, spoke in favor of the consulting contract with CPSM.

Consent Agenda
The resolution approving an amendment to the event application policy was pulled from the consent agenda on a request by Council Member Sones. Council Member Lane moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Beach seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Beach, 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 issuance of a renewal refuse hauling permit for T.R.M. Disposal LLC.
- Second consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 25 of the Indianola Municipal Code (Utility Board of Trustees) to provide qualifications for utility board membership.
- Resolution 2025-149 authorizing an agreement for medical director services.
- Receive and file the Fiscal Year 27 Budget Calendar.
- Consideration of the approval of a Home Base Iowa Initiative Application from Gregory Jenkins and authorization of a handwritten warrant in the amount of $1500.00.
- Resolution 2025-151 approving salaries.

Council Member Lane moved to approve Resolution 2025-150 approving an amendment to the City Council Policy Folder regarding the Event Application Policy and Dalby seconded it. The council discussed the proposed fees. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Beach, Lane. NAYS: Sones. Whereas the Mayor declared the resolution passed.

Council Reports
Council Member Armstrong moved to approve the reappointment of Carrie Woerdeman to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending July 1, 2030. Dalby seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Beach, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report
Council Member Dalby moved to approve the appointment of Andrea Carlson to the Library Board of Trustees to fill a vacant term until July 1, 2028 and Lane seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Beach, Lanee. NAYS: Sones. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Mayor Richardson reported on the Mayor's Youth Council, recent community events, and a meeting with Senator Grassley.

Council Member Sones asked the public to take CIRTPAs long-range planning survey.

New Business
Council Member Sones moved to approve Resolution 2025-152 authorizing the City of Indianola, Iowa to enter into a contract for independent contractor/professional services with the Center for Public Safety Management (CPSM), LLC. and Dalby seconded it. City Manager Jacob Meshke and Thomas Wieczorek, CPSM Director, discussed the proposed contract. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: Beach. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Council Member Sones moved to approve Resolution 2025-153 authorizing the City of Indianola, Iowa to enter into an engagement with MGT Impact Solutions, LLC for an organizational staffing assessment. Dalby seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Beach, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

The Council directed Doug Bylund, Chief of Culture and Recreation, to fill the vacant positions at the Wellness Campus.

Other Business
City Manager Meshke updated the public on the city attorney, committee updates, and study session meeting dates.

Council Member Armstrong moved to enter into closed session at 7:31 PM in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(j) to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. Lane seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Beach, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Rabe joined the meeting via phone.

Council Member Beach moved to exit the closed session at 8:23 PM and Armstrong seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Beach, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously. There was no action taken on items discussed in the closed session.

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM on a motion by Armstrong and seconded by Dalby. 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