



CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL MEETING

September 15, 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 15, 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, Christina Beach, Mellisa Sones, Bob Lane. Absent: None.

Introduction of Community and Economic Development Director

City Manager Jacob Meshke introduced Bryce Johnson as the new Community and Economic Development Director.

Public Comment

Arlene Dunn, 410 W. Madison Pl., spoke regarding a nuisance issue in her neighborhood.

Consent Agenda

Council Member Lane moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Sones seconded it. City Manager Meshke explained the items on the consent agenda. 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
- Resolution 2025-154 setting a public hearing for October 6, 2025, at 6 PM, regarding an amendment to the Fiscal Year 26 budget.
- Resolution 2025-155 setting a public hearing for October 6, 2025, at 6 PM, and referring a zoning map and comprehensive plan amendment application regarding an amendment to zoning map to change the zoning from R-2 and C-2 to R-2 (Leonard Subdivision Plat 2 Lot 6).
- Resolution 2025-156 setting a public hearing for October 6, 2025, at 6 PM regarding amending Chapter 165, Zoning Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances, Indianola, Iowa.
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license renewal for Andrea Palmer doing business as The Local Vine.
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license renewal for Bush's Place LLC, doing business as The Hide Out.
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license renewal for Fareway Stores Inc., doing business as Fareway Stores, Inc. #657.
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license for Gettin' Slushed South of 35 LLC., doing business as Lucky Wife Wine Slushies.
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license renewal for Los Padrinos LLC., doing business as El Padrino Mexican Restaurant.

- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license for Top it Off LLC., doing business as Top It Off Liquid Catering.
- Consideration of the approval of an ownership amendment for Hy-Vee Inc., doing business as Hy-Vee Food Store.
- Consideration of the approval of an ownership amendment for Hy-Vee Inc., doing business as Hy-Vee Fast and Fresh
- Third consideration and adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 25 of the Indianola Municipal Code (Utility Board of Trustees) to provide qualifications for utility board membership.
- Resolution 2025-157 suspending enforcement of Indianola Code 45.02(2) regarding the consumption of alcohol on city streets during Wine, Witches and Brews as requested by Indianola Main Street.
- Resolution 2025-158 authorizing a contract with Indianola High School for EMS coverage.
- Resolution 2025-159 accepting participation in the national opioids settlements.
- Resolution 2025-160 authorizing the First Addendum to the Development Agreement between the City of Indianola and Warren County.
- Resolution 2025-161 appointing representation to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization technical committee.
- Consideration of the approval of a Home Base Iowa Initiative application from Kevin Carter and authorization of a handwritten warrant in the amount of \$1,500.
- Consideration of the approval of a Home Base Iowa Initiative application from Christopher Bemis and authorization of a handwritten warrant in the amount of \$1,500.
- Approval of the submission of second quarter 2025 utility write-offs to the State Setoff Program for collection.
- Approval of Urban Revitalization Designations.
- Resolution 2025-162 approving salaries.

Council Reports

Council Member Beach moved to receive and file the July 2025 Treasurer's Report. 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.

Council Member Sones provided an update on the IMU Board meeting and the Indianola Main Street meetings. She will attend a South-Central Iowa Landfill meeting this week.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Richardson gave an update on community events and the Mayor's Youth Council.

Old Business

Chief of Culture and Recreation Doug Bylund requested to fill budgeted open positions at the Indianola Wellness Campus. The Council directed him to fill the positions.

New Business

City Manager Meshke requested that the Public Works Director position be filled upon the resignation of the current director. The Council directed him to fill the position.

Council Member Dalby moved to approve Resolution 2025-163 authorizing the City of Indianola, Iowa to enter into an engagement with MGT Impact Solutions, LLC (MGT) for Chief of Police recruitment services. Beach seconded it. City Manager Meshke recommended the council approve engagement with MGT for police chief recruitment. 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 Armstrong moved to approve Resolution 2025-164 authorizing a contract with Snyder & Associates for updating the Drainage Master Plan. Dalby seconded it. Public Works Director Akhelish Pal and Dave Moeller, Snyder and Associates, discussed the proposed contract. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Beach, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Richardson read a proclamation declaring September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. He then presented the proclamation to Sheena Gorder.

Council Member Lane moved to approve an ordinance establishing truck routes and Rabe seconded it. Akhilesh Pal explained the proposed truck route ordinance. After council discussion, Lane and Rabe withdrew their motion and second. Council Member Beach moved to approve the first consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 66, Load and Weight Restrictions, for Establishing Truck Routes with the removal of North and South 15th St and Iowa Avenue from the proposed truck routes. Rabe seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Beach, Sones, Lane. NAYS: Dalby, Armstrong. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Council Member Rabe moved to approve the first consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Indianola, Iowa, by adding a new section prohibiting false representation of a service animal. 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.

Council Member Dalby moved to approve the first consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Indianola, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to liquor licenses and wine and beer permits. Rabe 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 Lane moved to approve the first consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Indianola, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to cigarette and tobacco permits. Rabe 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.

Other Business

City Manager Meshke reported on City of Indianola departments and recent meetings he has attended.

Council Member Sones moved and Beach seconded to bring forward discussion and direction on the policy regarding the length of council meetings at the October 6 meeting. On roll call the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Beach, Sones, and Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Council Member Sones moved and Armstrong seconded to bring forward discussion and direction on the length of public comment during council meetings at the October 6 meeting. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Beach, Sones, and Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Council Member Beach moved and Rabe seconded to bring forward discussion and direction on study session dates and times at the October 6 meeting. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Beach, Sones, and Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Council Member Rabe moved and Beach seconded to bring forward discussion and direction on filling vacant budgeted positions at the October 6 meeting. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Beach, Sones, and Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 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