



CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL MEETING

October 6, 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 October 6, 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

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

Consent Agenda

Council Member Dalby moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Rabe seconded it. City Manager Jacob Meshke discussed 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 a liquor license renewal for Hy-Vee Inc., doing business as Hy-Vee Fast and Fresh.
- Consideration of the approval of a temporary liquor license for Sodexo Management, Inc., doing business as Simpson Homecoming Tailgate- President's Tent.
- Consideration of the approval of Payment Application Number 4 in the amount of \$136,045.07 to Sternquist Construction for the West Clinton Avenue Reconstruction Project.
- Second consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Indianola, Iowa, by adding a new section prohibiting false representation of service animal.
- Second 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.
- Second consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Indianola, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to cigarette and tobacco permits.
- Resolution 2025-165 accepting a proposal from Overhead Door Company of Des Moines for the Fire Department overhead door replacement project.
- Resolution 2025-166 authorizing a contract with Indianola Main Street.
- Resolution 2025-167 authorizing execution of an Encroachment Agreement with Indianola Main Street.
- Resolution 2025-168 appointing the City of Indianola representation to the Central Iowa Regional Transportation Planning Alliance.
- Resolution 2025-169 appointing representatives to the Mid-Iowa Planning Alliance for Community Development (MIPA).

- Consideration of the approval of a Home Base Iowa Initiative Application from Brian Bartz and authorization of a handwritten warrant in the amount of \$1,500.
- Approval of Urban Revitalization Designations
- Resolution 2025-170 approving salaries.

Council Reports

Council Member Sones reported on the IMU special meeting.

Council Member Lane moved to approve the reappointment of Grant Darrah to the Indianola Public Arts Commission for a term beginning July 1, 2025, and ending July 1, 2028. 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 approve the appointment of Aaron Labertew to the Sustainability Committee for a term beginning July 1, 2025, and ending July 1, 2028. 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.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Richardson announced upcoming community events. He then proclaimed October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month in Indianola.

Jason Holder, Director of Information Technology and Internal Services, presented information about cybersecurity.

Mayor Richardson proclaimed October 5-11 as Fire Prevention Week in Indianola.

Old Business

Council Member Rabe moved to approve Resolution 2025-171 approving an amendment to the Elevate Indianola Comprehensive Plan for property legally described as Leonard Subdivision Plat 2 Lot 6. 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.

Community and Economic Development Director Bryce Johnson discussed the amendment to the Zoning Map.

Council Member Rabe moved to open the public hearing regarding an amendment to the Zoning Map to change the zoning from R-2 and C-2 to R-2 in the Lenoard Subdivision Plat 6, Lot 6. 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.

There were no public comments offered.

Council Member Lane moved to close the public hearing regarding 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.

Council Member Armstrong moved to approve the first consideration of an ordinance amending the municipal code of the City of Indianola, Iowa for change of zoning district boundaries from the R-2, single family residential attached zoning district and C-2, highway commercial zoning district to the R-2, single family residential attached zoning district (Leonard Subdivision Plat 2 Lot 6). 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.

Community and Economic Development Director Johnson discussed the Chapter 165 ordinance amendment. Council Member Dalby moved to open the public hearing regarding amending Chapter 165, Zoning Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances, Indianola, Iowa. 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 were no public comments offered.

Council Member Lane 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 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 public hearing requirements – zoning. 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 Lane moved to open the public hearing regarding an amendment to the Fiscal Year 26 budget. 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.

City Clerk/Finance Director Jackie Raffety discussed the budget amendment. No other public comments were 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 Lane moved to approve Resolution 2025-172 approving the first amendment to the Fiscal Year 26 budget. 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 Dalby moved to approve Resolution 2025-173 authorizing transfers in the general fund. 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 Lane moved to approve the first consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 66, Load and Weight Restrictions, for Establishing Truck Routes and Dalby seconded it. Dave Moeller, Snyder and Associates, provided information on the truck routes. Toby Vanderpool, 1100 N 14th St., and Van Lucas, 1110 N. 14th St., spoke in favor of including N 15th St. in the truck route ordinance. Captain Hawkins spoke about enforcement of the truck route ordinance. Lane and Dalby withdrew their motions. Council directed staff to bring back a new truck route ordinance with Iowa Ave and 15th St included and an enforcement provision.

New Business

Council Member Dalby moved to approve Resolution 2025-174 approving an amendment to the residential recycling collection contract between Waste Management of Iowa, Inc and the City of Indianola, Iowa. 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 Dalby moved to approve Resolution 2025-175 approving a Plat of Survey request for Parcel 25-072 and Lane seconded it. Community and Economic Development Director Johnson provided information on the request. 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 appoint council members Rabe and Armstrong to a special economic development committee and 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.

Other Business

Council Member Beach joined the meeting at 7:09 PM.

Council directed staff to keep study sessions on the second Monday of the month through the end of the year. If the item is short, it should be added to the regular meeting agenda.

Council directed staff to remove the length of council meeting policy by resolution at the next meeting.

Council directed staff to remove the 20-minute limit on public comments by resolution at the next meeting.

Council directed City Manager Meshke to fill vacant budgeted positions as dictated in Code.

City Manager Jacob Meshke reported on department activities and extended congratulations to Council Member Sones on her recent award.

Council Member Lane moved to enter into closed session at 7:55 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. Sones 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 Armstrong moved to exit the closed session at 8:02 PM and 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 moved to approve Resolution 2025-176 approving the settlement agreement and release with Jennifer Williams and Sones 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.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM on a motion by Armstrong and seconded by Sones. Question was called for and on voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Steve Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, City Clerk