



CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL MEETING

November 17, 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 November 17, 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.

Public Comment

Elena Rodriguez-Lara, 7085 Bloomfield Rd., Des Moines, representative of Kappa Theta Psi Fraternity at Simpson College, spoke in favor of a continued contract between the City and Kiya Koda.

Karter Larson and Tate Brewer, representatives of the Mayor's Youth Council, introduced themselves.

Simpson Professor John Pauley and students were in attendance.

Consent Agenda

Council Member Lane moved to approve the Consent Agenda and 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. The Consent Agenda was as follows:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Claims
- Approval of Minutes of the prior meetings
- Resolution 2025-193 authorizing a service agreement with Midwest Alarm Services.
- Resolution 2025-194 authorizing a contract with Cleaning Connection for janitorial services at the Indianola Wellness Campus.
- Resolution 2025-195 authorizing the certification of liens to the Warren County Treasurer for purposes of assessing the cost of nuisance abatements against properties.
- Resolution 2025-196 approving the certification of tax increment financing obligations.
- Approval of the Annual Urban Renewal Report.
- Receive and file the Fiscal Year 25 Street Finance Report.
- Receive and file the Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 25.
- Consideration of the approval of a Home Base Iowa Initiative Application from Kenneth Cook and authorization of a handwritten warrant in the amount of \$1500.00.
- Approval of Urban Revitalization Designations.
- Resolution 2025-197 approving salaries.

Council Reports

Robert Endriss, Partner with Denman and Co, presented the Fiscal Year 25 audit report.

Council Member Lane reported on the recent IMU Trustee meeting. Council Member Sones reported on Indianola Main Street.

Council Member Dalby moved to receive and file the August 2025 Treasurer's Report and Sones seconded it. City Treasurer Doug Shull discussed the report. 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

Mayor Richardson reported on upcoming community events.

Old Business

Council Member Lane moved to approve the third consideration and adoption of an ordinance (1789) amending Chapter 66, Load and Weight Restrictions, for Establishing Truck Routes. Dalby seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Sones, Lane. NAYS: Armstrong, Beach. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Council Member Dalby moved to approve Resolution 2025-199 approving an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Indianola and the Animal Rescue League of Iowa, Inc. for shelter services. Rabe seconded it. City Manager Jacob Meshke and Interim Police Chief discussed the proposed contract with the ARL. 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 three public comments submitted electronically prior to the meeting from Jaiden Eisbrenner, 500 N Buxton St.; Andrea Warner, 614 Knoll Dr, Apt 5, Norwalk; and Serymar Matias, 500 N Buxton St., Apt 9; in opposition of the City terminating the contract with Kiya Koda.

Melissa Bartlett, 3588 Vermont St., New Virginia, spoke in opposition of the City terminating the contract with Kiya Koda.

Council Member Rabe moved to approve Resolution 2025-198 terminating the contract between the City of Indianola and Kiya Koda 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.

New Business

Council Member Beach moved to approve the first consideration of an ordinance amending recycling rates. 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.

Other Business

City Manager Jacob Meshke reported on City news, including Brush Facility dates, Police Chief hiring, Thanksgiving closures/amended hours, and the delivery of a new ambulance.

The Council directed staff to vote in favor of MIPA's Council of Government proposal.

Council Member Rabe moved to add discussion of a fine schedule for at-large dogs, the transient merchant ordinance and the promotion of the residential tax abatement for rehabilitated homes to a future study session agenda. 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.

City Manager Jacob Meshke requested a closed session for the council to discuss his performance evaluation.

Council Member Beach moved to enter into closed session in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. 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 exit the closed session and 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.

Mayor Steve Richardson stated the results of the performance evaluation.

Council Member Beach moved to amend the salary in the City Manager's contract by a three-percent increase. Lane seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Beach, Lane. NAYS: Armstrong, Sones. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 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