



CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL MEETING

January 5, 2026

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 January 5, 2026, 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 (via Teams), Tiffany Davis, Mellisa Sones, Bob Lane. Absent: None. Council Member Armstrong's votes during the meeting were submitted via Teams chat and reported to the Council by City Clerk Jackie Raffety.

Public Comment

Kevin Miller, 909 Caroline Terrace, spoke regarding fees at the Brush Facility.

Consent Agenda

Council Member Sones requested to pull the approval of a new liquor license from the consent agenda. Council Member Rabe moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Dalby seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Davis, 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 2026-001 approving salaries.

Council Member Sones moved to approve a new liquor license for Indianola Liquor LLC. Lane seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Reports

Council Member Sones reported on CIRTPA, IMU, and Main Street meetings.

Council Member Lane moved to receive and file the Treasurer's Reports for September, October and November 2025 and Sones seconded it. City Treasurer Doug Shull and Finance Director/Clerk Jackie Raffety discussed the reports. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Richardson provided the community update. The Mayor and Council Member Davis stated they attended the Municipal Leadership Academy Part 1.

Mayor Richardson issued a proclamation declaring January as Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month in Indianola.

New Business

Council Member Dalby moved to approve Resolution 2026-002 authorizing a lease agreement between the City of Indianola and Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency, Lessee, for the lease of real estate at 310 North Buxton Street. Sones seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Lane moved to approve Resolution 2026-003 authorizing the Mayor to execute the Iowa Economic Development Authority Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant contract for electric vehicle charging stations. Sones seconded it. Chief of Innovation and Internal Services Jason Holder discussed the project. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Rabe moved to approve Resolution 2026-004 approving the conflict-of-interest disclosure policy required for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant for electric vehicle charging stations. Dalby seconded it. Holder explained the requirement for this policy under the grant. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

City Manager Jacob Meshke gave an update on City Departments. He stated MIPA has voted to become a council of government.

Council Member Sones requested a full annual report from the Public Works Director on the Street Department and discussion on study session dates. Dalby moved to add an annual report regarding the Street Department and study session dates to a future agenda and Lane seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Dalby moved to enter into closed session at 6:41 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, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Lane moved to exit the closed session at 7:34 PM and Sones seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Davis, Sones, Lanes. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

There was no action taken on items discussed in closed session.

Adjourn

Davis moved to adjourn at 7:34 PM and Lane seconded it. Question was called for and on voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Steve Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, City Clerk