



CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL MEETING

February 2, 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 February 2, 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, Steve Armstrong, Tiffany Davis, Mellisa Sones, Bob Lane. Absent: Ron Dalby.

Public Comment

DeMorris Dean, 2208 Sugar Creek Ln, Marshalltown, IA, and Sue Stuebner, 824 Trail Ridge Rd, Indianola, spoke in favor of the council passing a resolution to designate Hwy 92 as the George Washington Memorial Highway.

Consent Agenda

Council Member Dalby joined the meeting at 6:08 PM.

Council Member Rabe moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Armstrong 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 meeting
- Approval of Applications
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license renewal for Indianola Country Club, doing business as Indianola Golf Club.
- Resolution 2026-014 accepting a grant for the Fire Department.
- Resolution 2026-015 approving salaries.

Council Reports

Council Member Sones provided a report on the South-Central Iowa Landfill Board.

Council Member Armstrong moved to confirm the appointment of Council Member Lane to the Community and Economic Development Committee. Davis seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Davis, Sones. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Lane. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Richardson issued a proclamation for Burn Awareness Week February 1-7, 2026, in Indianola.

Mayor Richardson proclaimed February 2, 2026, as Chris Street Day in Indianola.

Mayor Richardson reported on recent and upcoming committee meetings and events.

Council Member Dalby was appointed Mayor Pro Tem.

New Business

Council Member Lane moved to open the public hearing regarding an ordinance amending Chapter 165.10(8), Zoning Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances, Indianola, Iowa. Rabe 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.

Senior Planner, Bill Mettee discussed the proposed ordinance amendment. No other comments were offered.

Sones moved to close the public hearing 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 Sones moved to approve the first consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 165.10(8), Zoning Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances, Indianola, Iowa. 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 Davis moved to open the public hearing regarding an ordinance amending Chapter 170.05(1)(C), Subdivision Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances, Indianola, Iowa. Rabe 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.

Senior Planner Mettee discussed the proposed subdivision regulation ordinance amendment. No other comments were offered.

Lane moved to close the public hearing and Armstrong 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 Rabe moved to approve the first consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 170.05(1)(C), Subdivision Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances, Indianola, Iowa. Davis 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 Armstrong moved to open the public hearing regarding an ordinance amending Chapter 170.05(2)(A), Subdivision Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances, Indianola, Iowa. 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.

Senior Planner Mettee discussed the ordinance amending subdivision regulations for final plats.

No other comments were offered.

Council Member Davis moved to close the public hearing and 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 Sones moved to approve the first consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 170.05(2)(A), Subdivision Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances, Indianola, Iowa. Rabe 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 Armstrong moved to approve Resolution 2026-016 approving purchase of Weight and Fitness Equipment for the Indianola Wellness Campus. Davis 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.

Other Business

City Manager Jacob Meshke updated the Council on staff projects and tours of the Suns Facility and Simpson's Gymnastic facility.

A resolution for the George W. Carver Highway designation, council committee appointments, and goals for the city manager will be added to a future agenda on direction by Mayor Richardson.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM on a motion by Lane and seconded by Davis. Question was called for and on voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Following the regular meeting, the Council met in exempt session.

Steve Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, City Clerk