



CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL MEETING

April 6, 2026

6:15 PM

(or immediately following the property tax levy hearing meeting)

City Council Chambers

110 N 1st Street, Indianola, IA

Minutes

Call to Order

The Indianola City Council met in regular session at 6:16 PM on April 6, 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, Tiffany Davis, Mellisa Sones, Bob Lane. Absent: None.

Public Comment

There were no public comments offered.

Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Claims
- Approval of Minutes of the prior meetings
- Resolution 2026-058 setting a public hearing on April 20, 2026, at 6 PM regarding the fiscal year 27 budget.
- Resolution 2026-059 setting a public hearing for complaints filed on tobacco sales permit violations (Casey's General Store #3512 (Trailridge)) for May 18, 2026, at 6:00 PM.
- Resolution 2026-060 setting a public hearing for complaints filed on tobacco sales permit violations (D & M Liquor) for May 18, 2026, at 6:00 PM.
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license renewal for Walmart Inc.
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license renewal for Ganesh Investments Inc., doing business as D & M Liquor.
- Resolution 2026-061 accepting public improvements and a four-year maintenance bond for Kentucky Ridge ditch improvements — sanitary sewer and storm sewer installation.
- Resolution 2026-062 determining Water Resource Recovery Department property as surplus and authorizing sale of said property.
- Resolution 2026-063 approving an addendum to contract with Midwest Alarm Services.
- Resolution 2026-064 authorizing the notification of violations of Chapter 96 of the Indianola, Iowa Code of Ordinances.
- Resolution 2026-065 authorizing the City of Indianola, Iowa to enter into an engagement with MGT Impact Solutions, LLC (MGT) for Public Works Director recruitment services.
- Resolution 2026-066 approving salaries.

Council Reports

Council Member Sones reported on Local Leader's Day at the State Capitol.

Mayor's Report

Gabe Gibson, Karlee Budding, Riley Holmes, and Kjerstin Lichter from the Mayor's Youth Council introduced themselves and spoke about Bike Fest.

Mayor Richardson recognized Rodney Prickett for his service to IMU and the City of Indianola.

Mayor Richardson proclaimed April 9 as Local News Day in Indianola.

Mayor Richardson gave a community update.

Old Business

City Manager Jacob Meshke and Streets Superintendent Caleb Adams-Brown spoke regarding recycling and brush facility fees. Council requested data from staff.

Finance Director Jackie Raffety presented information on borrowing for Fiscal Year 27.

Council Member Lane moved to open the public hearing regarding the proposition to authorize a loan agreement and the issuance of Notes to evidence the obligations of the City thereunder. (Not to exceed \$1,900,000 GO Capital loan notes). 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.

Jayme Hansen, 1004 Summerset Pl. and Tony Welcher, 1401 N 6th St., spoke against the issuance of notes.

Council Member Davis moved to close the public hearing and 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 Rabe moved to approve Resolution 2026-067 instituting proceedings to take additional action for the issuance of not to exceed \$1,900,000 general obligation capital loan notes (ECP-1). Lane seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Davis, Lane. NAYS: Armstrong, Sones. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Council Member Armstrong moved to open the public hearing regarding the proposition to authorize a loan agreement and the issuance of Notes to evidence the obligations of the City thereunder. (Not to exceed \$3,300,000 GO Capital loan notes) 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.

Sandy Vopalka, 601 W Salem, spoke against flock cameras. Jayme Hansen, 1004 Summerset Pl., spoke against loan issuance.

Council Member 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.

Lane moved and Dalby seconded to approve a resolution instituting proceedings to take additional action for the issuance of not to exceed \$3,300,000 general obligation capital loan notes (ECP-2). Council requested discussion; Lane and Dalby recalled their motions.

It was moved by Sones and seconded by Davis to discuss the resolution. 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 approve Resolution 2026-068 instituting proceedings to take additional action for the issuance of not to exceed \$3,300,000 general obligation capital loan notes (ECP-2). Dalby seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: Armstrong. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Council Member Lane moved to open the public hearing regarding the proposition to authorize a loan agreement and the issuance of Notes to evidence the obligations of the City thereunder. (Not to exceed \$2,500,000 GO Capital loan notes) 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.

Kelly Shaw, 101 Phillips Pl., spoke against the issuance of loans.

Council Member Lane 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 Davis moved to approve Resolution 2026-069 instituting proceedings to take additional action for the issuance of not to exceed \$2,500,000 general obligation urban renewal capital loan notes (ECP/UR). Lane seconded it. In discussion, Chief of Culture and Recreation Doug Bylund spoke about the capital improvements. 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 open the public hearing regarding the proposition to authorize a loan agreement and the issuance of Notes to evidence the obligations of the City thereunder. (Not to exceed \$300,000 GO Capital loan notes) 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.

There were no public comments offered.

Council Member Davis moved to close the public hearing and 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 Sones moved to approve Resolution 2026-070 instituting proceedings to take additional action for the issuance of not to exceed \$300,000 general obligation capital loan notes (GCP). Davis seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: Armstrong. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Council Member Sones moved to approve Resolution 2026-071 authorizing the issuance of \$7,810,000 general obligation capital loan notes, Series 2026, and levying a tax for the payment thereof. Davis seconded it. Brad Ross, 812 North S Ct., spoke against the issuance of notes and levying a tax for the payment thereof. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: Armstrong. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Senior Planner Bill Mettee discussed the final plat for Kentucky Ridge Commercial Plat 1. Council Member Sones moved to approve Resolution 2026-072 approving the final plat for Kentucky Ridge Commercial Plat 1. 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.

New Business

Senior Planner Mettee presented a sidewalk waiver request. Council Member Sones moved to approve Resolution 2026-073 approving a waiver of sidewalk requirement and installation covenant for natural/physical conditions or limitations at 815 West 1st Avenue. 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 gave department updates.

Council Member Sones requested discussion on timing of packet publications, presentations and council meeting dates at a future meeting.

Council Member Armstrong moved to enter into closed session at 8:47 PM in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(j) to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. 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 Rabe moved to exit the closed session at 9:21 PM 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.

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

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 PM on a motion by Rabe 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