



## **CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL MEETING**

April 20, 2026

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

110 N 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Indianola, IA

Minutes

### **Call to Order**

The Indianola City Council met in regular session at 6:00 PM on April 20, 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.

### **Oath of Office**

Mayor Richardson administered the oath of office to Police Officer Clayton Dale, Police Sergeant John Schumacher, and Police Lieutenant Tye Sparks.

### **Public Comment**

Sandy Vopalka, 601 W Salem Avenue, spoke in opposition of employee salary raises.

### **Consent Agenda**

Council Member Davis requested to pull the claims from the consent agenda. Council Member Dalby moved to approve the Consent 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. The consent agenda was as follows:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes of the prior meetings
- Consideration of the approval of liquor license amendments for Brew Oil LLC.
- Consideration of the issuance of a special event and noise permit to Indianola Elks Lodge for the Pink Tractor SxS Fundraiser Ride event to be held on May 2, 2026.
- Resolution 2026-074 authorizing a contract for the McVay Trail Project.
- Resolution 2026-075 approving salaries.

Council Member Dalby moved to approve Claims. 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 Reports**

Fire Chief Aaron Hurt presented the 2025 Annual Report to the Council.

Communications Manager Aaron Young presented the Ride Safe 'n Smart Safety Campaign to the Council.

Council Member Lane reported on the MPO meeting.

Council Member Sones reported on the IMU Board of Trustees meeting.

## **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Richardson provided the community update. He then issued proclamations for Arbor Day, National Library Week, and Volunteer Week.

## **Old Business**

Council Member Lane moved to open the public hearing regarding the Fiscal Year 27 budget. 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.

City Manager Jacob Meshke presented on the Fiscal Year 27 Budget.

Jayme Hansen, 1004 Summerset Place, spoke on the agenda and budget process.

Sandy Vopalka, 601 W Salem Avenue, spoke in opposition funding of flock cameras.

Council Member Davis moved to close the public hearing regarding the Fiscal Year 27 budget. 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 Resolution 2026-076 adopting the Fiscal Year 27 budget. 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.

## **New Business**

Emily Rizvic, Planner with Confluence, presented the Gateway Corridor Plan to the City Council.

Council Member Sones moved to approve Resolution 2026-077 adopting the Gateway Corridor Plan. 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.

City Manager Jacob Meshke, Dave Moeller, Snyder and Associates, and Allison Steuterman, Brick Gentry, presented the sidewalk inspection and repair program to the City Council. The Council held a discussion and directed staff to bring back the item after the budget amendment has been brought forward for approval. They also directed staff to monitor pending state legislation and evaluate where the reserves are at the end of the budget year.

Matt Hansen, Simpson College, spoke about Simpson College's 2026 Campus Day. Council Member Rabe moved to approve Resolution 2026-078 authorizing a reimbursement of Brush Facility disposal fees to Simpson College for 2026 Campus Day activities. 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 reported on an upcoming event.

The Mayor stated that discussion regarding future agenda items needs to be voted on before they are added to the agenda. No action was taken on future agenda items.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM on a motion by Rabe and seconded by Lane. Question was called for and on voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

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Steve Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jackie Raffety, City Clerk