



CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL MEETING

May 4, 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 May 4, 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, Tiffany Davis, Mellisa Sones, Bob Lane. Absent: Steve Armstrong.

Public Comment

Anthony Whelchel, 1401 N 6th St., spoke regarding sidewalk liability.

Mayor Richardson stated Chad Brewbaker, 7798 Geneva St., had submitted a written public comment regarding a request for information on flock cameras; and Giana Haege, 12753 Ford Trail S., had submitted a written public comment regarding traffic signal timing.

Reagan Burrows, Mayor's Youth Council member, was in attendance.

Consent Agenda

The resolution approving salaries was pulled from the consent agenda. Council Member Lane moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Sones seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, 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 2026-079 setting a public hearing for May 18, 2026, at 6 PM and referring a rezoning application for Well Built Homes Property to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license renewal for Dolgencorp LLC doing business as Dollar General #22960.
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license amendment for Dolgencorp doing business as Dollar General.
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license renewal for Babars Entertainment Inc., doing business as The Garage.
- Consideration of the approval of a temporary liquor license service area amendment for West Hill Brewing Company's Suds on Salem event on May 29, 2026.

- Resolution 2026-080 approving temporary construction easement for Emerald Bay Plat 1.
- Resolution 2026-081 approving benefit renewals.

Council Member Davis moved to approve Resolution 2026-082 approving salaries and Rabe seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Dalby, due to a conflict of interest. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Council Reports

Council Member Lane reported on the recent IMU Board meeting.

Council Member Sones reported on the Hometown Pride 'Wonder on Buxton project'.

Council Member Lane moved to receive and file the March 2026 Treasurer's Report. Dalby seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Richardson provided an update on community events and state legislative changes to property taxes.

Council Member Dalby moved to approve the reappointment of Sally Van Dorin to the Indianola Public Library Board for a term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending July 1, 2032. Sones seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Lane moved to approve the appointment of Lisa Parker to the Indianola Public Library Board of Trustees for a term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending July 1, 2032. Davis seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Richardson issued an Employee Recognition Month proclamation for May.

Mayor Richardson proclaimed May as Building Safety Month.

Mayor Richardson proclaimed May 8 as Provider Appreciation Day in Indianola.

Old Business

Council Member Rabe moved to open the public hearing regarding the second amendment of the FY26 budget. Davis seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director/Clerk Jackie Raffety discussed the items in the amendment. No other public comments were offered.

Council Member Lane moved to close the public hearing and Sones seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Dalby moved to approve Resolution 2026-083 approving the second amendment to the FY26 budget. Sones seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried

unanimously.

Council Member Dalby moved to approve Resolution 2026-084 approving the Fee Schedule and Lane seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Director of Community and Economic Development Director Bryce Johnson discussed a three-year property tax abatement option. Davis moved to direct staff to use the 60/40/20 model and Lane seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Council Member Rabe moved to approve the first consideration of an ordinance amending the sewer fees and Davis seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Davis, Lane. NAYS: Sones. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Council Member Lane moved to approve Resolution 2026-085 amending the City Council Subcommittees Policy and Sones seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Richardson recommended the appointment of Council Members Sones and Dalby to the facilities and property subcommittee. Davis moved to appoint Sones and Dalby as facilities and property subcommittee members. Lane seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

Staff explained the agenda packet publishing timeline to the Council.

City Manager Jacob Meshke provided an update on departments.

Rabe moved and Lane seconded to bring forward discussion and direction regarding sidewalk policy options for funding. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Sones moved to bring forward motorized/electric devices on sidewalks and city streets. Communications Manager Aaron Young and City Manager Meshke commented on the issues. Sones withdrew her motion and Council will wait for staff to bring it forward.

Council Member Rabe moved to enter into closed session at 7:21 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. Davis seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None.

Rabe left the meeting at 7:47 PM.

Council Member Lane moved to exit the closed session at 8:13 PM and Davis seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Dalby, 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 8:13 PM on a motion by Council Member Sones and seconded by Davis. Question was called for and on voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Steve Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, City Clerk