



## **CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL MEETING**

May 18, 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 18, 2026, in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Steve Richardson called the meeting to order and on roll call the following members were present: Ron Dalby, Steve Armstrong, Tiffany Davis, Mellisa Sones, Bob Lane. Absent: Josh Rabe.

### **EMS Commendation Awards**

Fire Chief Aaron Hurt recommended a Life Saving Award for Captain Austin Van Wyk, Paramedic David McCurdy and EMT Jadra King. Mayor Richardson presented them with the award.

### **Public Comment**

No public comments were offered.

### **Consent Agenda**

The ordinance amending Chapter 99, sewer service charges, 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: 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 2026-086 setting a public hearing for June 1, 2026, at 6:00 PM, and referring a rezoning application for Kentucky Ridge Commercial Plat 1 to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license renewal for Walgreens #05943.
- Consideration of the issuance of a refuse hauling permit renewal to Waste Connections of Iowa.
- Consideration of the approval of a temporary liquor license service area amendment for West Hill Brewing Company for special events in 2026.
- Approval of Urban Revitalization Designations
- Resolution 2026-087 approving salaries.

Council Member Davis moved to approve the second consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 99, sewer service charges and Lane seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Dalby, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: Armstrong. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion passed.

### **Council Reports**

Council Member Lane reported on the Indianola Municipal Utilities meeting.

Council Member Sones moved to receive and file the April 2026 Treasurer's Report. Armstrong seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Dalby, Armstrong, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None.

Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Richardson provided a community update.

Mayor Richardson proclaimed May 17–23 as National Public Works Week and presented the proclamation to Street Superintendent Caleb Adams-Brown and Interim Sewer Superintendent Ty Herrick.

### **Old Business**

Council Member Lane moved to open the public hearing regarding a rezoning application for Well Built Homes Property. Sones seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Dalby, Armstrong, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Senior Planner Bill Mettee presented the proposed rezoning for the property. There were no other public comments.

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

Council Member Armstrong moved to approve the first consideration of an ordinance amending the municipal code of the City of Indianola, Iowa for change of zoning district boundaries from the A-1 Agricultural/Open Space district to the R-1 Single-Family Residential Detached zoning district (Well Built Homes Property). Lane seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Dalby, Armstrong, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Dalby moved to strike the public hearing for a complaint filed on D & M Liquor for tobacco sales permit violations and accept the acknowledgment/settlement agreement for cigarette civil penalty for violation of Iowa Code 453A.2. Sones seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Dalby, Armstrong, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Sones moved to strike the public hearing for a complaint filed on Casey's General Store #3512 (Trailridge) for tobacco sales permit violations and accept the acknowledgment/settlement agreement for cigarette civil penalty for violation of Iowa Code 453A.2. Lane seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Dalby, Armstrong, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

Finance Director/Clerk Jackie Raffety presented amendments to Chapter 122, Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchants. Council Member Davis moved to have staff bring forward the amendment for a vote. Lane seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Dalby, Armstrong, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Jacob Meshke presented a Traffic Impact Study Policy. Council Member Sones moved to have staff bring forward the policy for a vote. Davis seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Dalby, Armstrong, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director/Clerk Raffety discussed an amendment on appointments to City boards and commissions. Council directed staff to add language to the proposed amendment to send all applications to the council when they are sent to the board chairs and to clarify which appointments will be on an agenda. Council Member Lane moved to direct staff to bring forward a Council Policy on appointments to City boards and commissions for a vote, with changes. Sones seconded it. On roll call,

the vote was AYES: Dalby, Armstrong, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

**Other Business**

Jacob Meshke City Manager Meshke gave department updates.

Council Member Davis moved to enter into closed session at 7:03 PM in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Lane seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Dalby, Armstrong, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Lane moved to exit the closed session at 8:45 PM and Dalby seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Dalby, Armstrong, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Dalby moved to give the City Manager a cost-of-living adjustment of 2.8% and merit increase of 3.0%, effective the first pay after his anniversary date and Lane seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Dalby, Davis, Lane. NAYS: Armstrong, Sones. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion passed.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM on a motion by Armstrong and seconded by Davis. Question was called for and on voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

**Exempt Session**

Council held an exempt session.

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Steve Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jackie Raffety, City Clerk