CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL MEETING
July 6, 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 July 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 (via phone), Steve Armstrong, Mellisa Sones, Bob Lane. Absent: Tiffany Davis.

Public Comment
The Mayor read a written comment from Charles Scheuermann regarding funding for HIRTA. There were no other public comments offered.

Consent Agenda
The approval of minutes and the resolutions approving the sale of a rescue truck, the purchase of an excavator, and the purchase of a pickup for WRRF were pulled from the consent agenda. Council Member Sones moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Lane seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously. The Consent Agenda was as follows:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Claims
- Resolution 2026-112 setting a public hearing for July 20, 2026 at 6 PM regarding an amendment to Chapter 171, Parkland Dedication.
- Resolution 2026-113 to vacate and convey City property to JPJ Acquisitions, LLC for Culver's project and setting a public hearing for July 20, 2026 at 6 PM.
- Resolution 2026-114 setting a public hearing for July 20, 2026 at 6 PM regarding an amendment to Chapter 165.05, Zoning District Regulations.
- Consideration of the approval of a new liquor license for Benjamin Ladd, doing business as the Warren County Fairgrounds.
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license amendment for the Des Moines Metro Opera doing business as Blank Performing Arts Center.
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor and tobacco license amendment for Brew Oil LLC.
- Third consideration and adoption of an ordinance (No. 1795) amendment to Chapter 122, Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchants.
- Resolution 2026-115 approving an amendment to the Fee Schedule regarding peddlers, solicitors, and transient merchant fees.
- Resolution 2026-116 suspending enforcement of Indianola Code 47.01(11) regarding the sale and consumption of alcohol in city parks for the Disc Golf Tournament at Pickard Park as requested by Hy-Vee Food Store.
- Resolution 2026-117 approving the authorized entity acknowledgment statement of the ESRI Small Municipal and County Government Enterprise Agreement (SGEA) between Warren County, Indianola Municipal Utilities, City of Norwalk, City of Indianola, and City of Carlisle.

- Resolution 2026-120 delegating the City Manager the authority to approve the disposal of miscellaneous personal property items of the Public Works Department.
- Resolution 2026-122 authorizing an agreement with Schaffer Electric for the Morlock Transformer Project.
- Resolution 2026-123 authorizing a contract for Fire Department Services for the 2026 Warren County Fair.
- Resolution 2026-124 setting Fiscal Year 27 Salaries.
- Resolution 2026-125 approving the donation policy.
- Resolution 2026-126 approving the naming rights policy.
- Resolution 2026-127 designating the posting place for meeting agendas.
- Approval of Urban Revitalization Designations
- Receive and file the current listing of Board and Commission members.
- Resolution 2026-128 approving salaries.

Council Member Sones moved to approve minutes of the prior meetings with changes made to the June 10, 2026 minutes to state that the City Council did not commit to the specific terms requested by the Supervisors in the meeting. Rabe seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Rabe moved to approve Resolution 2026-118 determining Rescue Truck as surplus and authorizing sale of said property. Lane seconded it. Fire Chief Hurt discussed the property. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Rabe moved to approve Resolution 2026-119 authorizing a purchase agreement with Capital City Equipment for a Bobcat E55 R2-Series compact excavator with attachments. Lane seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Armstrong moved to approve Resolution 2026-121 approving the purchase of a pickup for the Water Resource Recovery Department. Lane seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Reports
Council Member Lane reported on the MPO June meeting. Council Member Sones updated the community on HIRTA funding and the Hometown Pride parade.

Mayor's Report
Mayor Richardson shared community updates.

Mayor Richardson issued a proclamation declaring July Parks and Recreation Month.

Old Business
Council Member Rabe moved to open the public hearing regarding an ordinance amending the municipal code of the City of Indianola, Iowa for change of zoning district boundaries from the C-2 / PUD Highway Commercial / Planned Unit Development district to the C-2 Highway Commercial zoning district (Kentucky Ridge Commercial Plat 1). Lane seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Community and Economic Development Director Bryce Johnson discussed the rezoning of Kentucky Ridge Commercial Plat 1. There were no other public comments offered.

Council Member Rabe moved to close the public hearing and Lane seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, 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 the municipal code of the City of Indianola, Iowa for change of zoning district boundaries from the C-2 / PUD Highway Commercial / Planned Unit Development district to the C-2 Highway Commercial zoning district (Kentucky Ridge Commercial Plat 1). Lane seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Sones moved to waive the second and third readings and adopt the ordinance (No. 1796). Armstrong seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Armstrong, Sones, Lane. NAYS: Dalby. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Other Business
City Manager Jacob Meshke introduced John Lloyd as the new WRRF Superintendent (effective July 23) and provided updates on other departments.
There was no action taken on future agenda items.

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 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.

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Steve Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jackie Raffety, City Clerk