CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL MEETING
July 20, 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 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 (via Teams), Ron Dalby, Steve Armstrong, Tiffany Davis, Mellisa Sones, Bob Lane. Absent: None.

Public Comment

Steve Waterman, 707 Robin Glen Apt 217; Heather Venz-Frank, 533 Kingston Ave. Norwalk, executive director at The Village; Richard C. Dixon, 614 Knoll Dr. Norwalk, all spoke in favor of the City providing funding to HIRTA. Mayor Richardson stated Council had received three electronic public comments prior to the meeting: Scott Laube, 1011 E Iowa, in favor of ceasing the use of flock cameras; Faith Keomanivong, 400 W Boston Ave, in favor of funding local animal control; and Casey Rush, 1808 Apple Dr., regarding Culver's items on the agenda.

Consent Agenda

The Lexipol contract and the purchase from Hawkeye Truck Equipment were pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion. 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 Claims
- Approval of Minutes of the prior meetings
- Resolution 2026-129 setting a public hearing for August 3, 2026 at 6 PM regarding the vacation of 30' Landscape Buffer Easement in Lot 5 of Scenic Pointe.
- Resolution 2026-130 determining the necessity and fixing a date for a public hearing (August 3, 2026 at 6 PM) on the matter of the adoption of a proposed 2026 Amended and Restated 1998 Citywide Urban Revitalization Plan.
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license renewal for West Hill Brewing Company.
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license renewal for The Groggy Dog, LLC.
- Consideration of the approval of a tobacco permit for Indianola Golf Club.
- Resolution 2026-133 authorizing an agreement with Wesco for the purchase of streetlights.

- Resolution 2026-134 authorizing a contract for Fire Department Services for the 2026 National Balloon Classic.
- Resolution 2026-135 authorizing a proposed project agreement with Cerris Systems for the North 65/69 Lift Station Generator ATS Replacement Project.
- Resolution 2026-136 authorizing an agreement between the City of Indianola and Midwest Injection for liquid bio-solids disposal and application.
- Resolution 2026-137 approving Additional Schedules "A" and "B" to the PSN Service Agreement between the City of Indianola and Payment Services Network.
- Resolution 2026-138 accepting the Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant for the Fire Department.
- Resolution 2026-139 accepting Project Completion of the McVay Trail Repair Project.
- Receive and file the Civil Service Commission's list of certified Police Officer Candidate.
- Resolution 2026-140 approving salaries.

Council Member Sones moved to approve Resolution 2026-131 authorizing an agreement between Lexipol and the City of Indianola for a Police Department subscription. Davis seconded it. Police Chief Rob Hawkins discussed the subscription. 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 Dalby moved to approve Resolution 2026-132 authorizing the purchase of a wing plow from Hawkeye Truck Equipment. Lane seconded it. Street Superintended Caleb Adams-Brown discussed the purchase request. 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
Council Member Lane moved to approve a Meritorious Award 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. Mayor Richardson presented the Meritorious Award to Detective Nicole Brown.

Police Chief Hawkins presented information on e-micromobility devices. Council discussed education and enforcement.

Council Member Davis reported on DMMO's season.

Council Member Sones reported on the South-Central Iowa Landfill Board and CIRTPA meetings.

Council Member Lane reported on the IMU Board meeting.

Mayor's Report
Mayor Richardson gave a community update.

Old Business
Council Member Lane moved to approve Resolution 2026-141 approving a proposal from MGT for a classification and compensation study. Davis seconded it. HR Director Courtney Silliman presented the proposal. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Armstrong, Davis, Sones. NAYS: Rabe, Dalby, Lane. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion failed.

Council Member Sones moved to approve Resolution 2026-142 of support for Maximillion's Muddy Puddles to apply for a grant. Davis seconded it. Kristine Nagel spoke regarding the organization's grant application. 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 open the public hearing regarding the vacation and conveyance of City property and certain easements for the Culver's project. Dalby 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.

Senior Planner Bill Mettee presented the vacation and conveyance of City property, easements, sidewalk waiver request, and the site plan for Culver's. 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, Armstrong, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Dalby moved to approve Resolution 2026-143 approving the vacation and conveyance of City property and certain easements for the Culver's project. 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 Dalby moved to approve Resolution 2026-144 approving a sidewalk waiver request for Culver's project. 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 2026-145 approving a site plan for Culver’s. 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 Sones moved to open the public hearing regarding an amendment to Chapter 165.05, Zoning District Regulations 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.

Senior Planner Mettee explained the proposed 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, Armstrong, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Lane moved to approve the first consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 165.05, Zoning District Regulations. Davis 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 Davis moved to open the public hearing regarding an amendment to Chapter

171, Parkland Dedication. Council Member 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.

Community and Economic Development Director Bryce Johnson discussed the amendment. There were no other public comments offered.

Council Member Armstrong moved to close the public hearing and 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.

Council Member Lane moved to approve the first consideration of an amendment to Chapter 171, Parkland Dedication. 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.

Finance Director/Clerk Jackie Raffety and financial advisor Michael Maloney of D.A. Davidson spoke about borrowing for projects at the Wellness Campus. Council Member Lane moved to approve staff bringing forward resolutions regarding borrowing for the IWC Improvement Project. 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.

New Business
Chief of Innovation and Internal Services Jason Holder presented the MyGov subscription for council consideration. Council Member Dalby moved to approve Resolution 2026-146 authorizing a contract with Tyler Technologies for MyGov transition and subscription services. 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.

Other Business
City Manager Jacob Meshke reported on department activities.

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 PM on a motion by Davis 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