CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL MEETING

March 2, 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 March 2, 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.

Public Comment
There were no public comments offered.

Consent Agenda
Claims were pulled from the consent agenda by Council Member Armstrong. Council Member Rabe moved to approve the Consent Agenda and 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. The consent agenda was as follows:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes of the prior meetings
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license renewal for Frerichs & Zeitz LLC, doing business as Z's Eatery and Draught Haus.
- Consideration of the issuance of a special event permit to Indianola First Assembly Youth Group for the Indianola Neighborhood Dash event on April 18, 2026.
- Consideration of the issuance of a special event permit and noise permit to Sticks and Balls for Bike Nights 2026.
- Resolution 2026-030 suspending enforcement of Indianola Code 45.02(2) regarding the consumption of alcohol on city streets during Bike Nights as requested by Sticks and Balls.
- Third consideration and adoption of an ordinance (No. 1791) amending Chapter 165.10(8), Zoning Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances, Indianola, Iowa.
- Third consideration and adoption of an ordinance (No. 1792) amending Chapter 170.05(1)(C), Subdivision Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances, Indianola, Iowa.
- Third consideration and adoption of an ordinance (No. 1793) amending Chapter 170.05(2)(A), Subdivision Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances, Indianola, Iowa.
- Resolution 2026-031 approving and authorizing execution of a Consent to a Collateral Assignment of Development Agreement related to the Agreement for Private Development with Sunstone Investments, LLC.
- Resolution 2026-032 approving Warranty Deed and Affidavit of Reliance for Street Lot A of Twin Creeks Subdivision.
- Resolution 2026-033 expressing support for SpinCo (Corteva's Seed Business) and its global headquarters in Johnston, Iowa.
- Resolution 2026-034 accepting a quote from Crouse Tree Services for the removal of trees for the South C Street Sewer Improvement Project.
- Resolution 2026-035 authorizing a contract with ReNew Biomedical Services LLC.

- Resolution 2026-036 approving addendums to the agreement with Midwest Alarm for inspection services.
- Resolution 2026-037 approving a labor agreement between the City of Indianola and AFSCME.
- Resolution 2026-038 approving a scrivener's error on Resolution 2026-020.
- Urban Revitalization Designations.
- Resolution 2026-039 approving salaries.

Council Member Dalby moved to approve the Claims 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 Reports
Mayor Richardson proclaimed March 10, 2026, as Mighty Maddy Day in Indianola and presented the proclamation to her family.

IMU HR/Finance Director Michelle Sheraden presented their FY25 annual report. IMU General Manager Chris Des Planques discussed their expenses.

Council Member Sones reported on the recent IMU BOT meeting. General Manager Des Planques discussed the water rates and upcoming projects.

Council Member Lane reported on the MPO meeting.

Council Member Rabe reported on the Community and Economic Development Subcommittee meeting.

Mayor's Report
Mayor Richardson provided the community update.

Old Business
Council Member Lane moved to approve Resolution 2026-040 approving hotel/motel tax funding for community and external organizations policy. Sones seconded it. City Clerk/Finance Director Jackie Raffety presented the proposed policy and application process. 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
Clerk/Finance Director Raffety, City Manager Jacob Meshke, and Financial Advisor, Michael Maloney, DA Davidson, led a discussion on borrowing for capital items over the next three years.

Council Member Lane moved to have staff begin the borrowing process for the Capital Improvement Plan. Davis seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: Armstrong. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Other Business
City Manager Meshke provided updates on City departments.

Council Member Dalby moved to have Council Members Lane and Davis work with the City Manager on creating a framework for the goals and performance objectives to be achieved over the next performance evaluation period. 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.

The Mayor would like to work with IMU to recognize Rodney Prickett for his 43 years of service to the City of Indianola/IMU. Staff will work on a proclamation.

Council Member Sones moved to add the discussion of a COLA increase for elected and appointed officials to the next agenda 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.

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM on a motion by Dalby 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