CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL MEETING
September 21, 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 September 21, 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
Dan Carver, Mayor of Carlisle, discussed his community's donation to the Mayor's Youth Council Go Gold fundraiser.

Jeff Wren, 406 W Iowa, spoke regarding a Board of Adjustment decision.

James Berkley, 1007 South G St., spoke in opposition to an increase in property taxes.

Consent Agenda
The purchase of a hotbox trailer and an amendment to the Daxko contract were pulled from the consent agenda. Council Member Lane moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Armstrong 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
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license renewal for The Local Vine.
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license renewal for Los Padrinos LLC doing business as El Padrino Mexican Restaurant.
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license amendment for Casey's Marketing Company.
- Consideration of the approval of a tobacco license amendment for Casey's Marketing Company.
- Consideration of the approval of a liquor license amendment for CNDJ Ventures Inc.
- Third consideration and adoption of an ordinance (No. 1801) amending City Code Chapters 151-153, 155-160, 161A, and adoption of the 2024 International Codes, 2024 Uniform Plumbing Code, and the 2023 National Electric Code (NEC, NFPA 70) for the City of Indianola.
- Second consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Indianola, Iowa by amending Chapter 96, regarding abatement of sewer violations.
- Resolution 2026-183 approving Change Order Numbers 1 and 8 and Payment Application Number 4 for the CDBG Facade Program Project.
- Resolution 2026-184 authorizing contract with Secure Shred Solutions, LLC.
- Resolution 2026-186 authorizing the purchase of a hydraulic snow blower for the Street Department.

- Resolution 2026-188 authorizing risk consultation services.
- Approval of the submission of fourth-quarter utility write-offs to the State Setoff Program for collection.
- Resolution 2026-189 approving salaries.

Council Member Davis moved to approve Resolution 2026-185 authorizing the purchase of a hotbox trailer for the Street Department. Dalby seconded it. Street Superintendent Caleb Adams-Brown discussed the purchase proposal. 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 Resolution 2026-187 authorizing an Additional Services Amendment to the Master Service Agreement with Daxko, LLC modifying credit card fees added to user fees at the Indianola Wellness Campus. Sones seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Davis, Sones, Lane. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Armstrong, due to a conflict of interest. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Council Reports
Council Member Davis reported on Main Street events.

Council Member Sones reported on the South-Central Iowa Landfill Board meeting.

Council Member Lane reported on the IMU Board meeting.

Tiffany Tauscheck and Stacie LoVan presented the Des Moines Partnership annual report.

Ryan Tibbets, CPSM, presented their study of the Fire Department and reviewed 62 recommendations. Three decisions shape the path forward: service level, implementation pace, and funding strategy. Fire Chief Hurt also discussed the study.

City Treasurer Doug Shull presented the August treasurer’s report. Council Member Sones moved to receive and file the August 2026 Treasurer's Report. 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 Rabe moved to approve the reappointment of Rita Bresnan to the Sustainability Committee for a term beginning July 1, 2026 and ending July 1, 2029. 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's Report
Mayor Richardson gave a community update.

Old Business
Council Member Davis moved to approve Resolution 2026-190 approving Amendment Number 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with HR Green Inc., for the Iowa Avenue Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project. Sones seconded it. Public Works Director Brian Stineman discussed the proposed amendment. 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 open the public hearing regarding the first amendment to the FY27 budget. 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.

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

Council Member Davis moved to close the public hearing 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.

Council Member Lane moved to approve Resolution 2026-191 approving the first amendment to the FY27 budget. 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.

Council Member Rabe moved to approve Resolution 2026-192 approving Preliminary Official Statement for $3,985,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2026B for the purchase of equipment and vehicles. Dalby seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Rabe, Dalby, Davis, Lane. NAYS: Armstrong, Sones. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion passed.

New Business
Council Member Davis moved to approve Resolution 2026-193 authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with HR Green for the 2026 Sewer Model Update. Dalby seconded it. Public Works Director Stineman discussed the model update. 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 Resolution 2026-194 authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with HR Green for Wastewater System Master Plan. 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.

City Manager Jacob Meshke discussed facility and infrastructure planning and financing.

Michelle Fetters Steen, 2302 N 9th Ct.; Shirley Clark, 403 North Y St.; Brad Ross, 812 North S Ct.; David Fisk, 1211 South 8th St.; James Berkley, 1007 South G St.; and Susan Glick, 511 W Boston, spoke in opposition to financing facilities. Van Lucas, Indianola business owner, spoke in opposition to building the library on 6th St.

Council directed staff to add discussion on facility and infrastructure planning and financing to the October 5 agenda.

Other Business
City Manager Meshke discussed the hotel/motel funding applications received.

It was moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Rabe to review the Board of Adjustment variance approvals at the October 5 meeting. 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 and Rabe seconded to add a discussion regarding a tax abatement moratorium to a future agenda. 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 enter into closed session 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. 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.

Council Member Lane moved to exit the closed session 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.

No action was taken on items discussed in closed session.

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 PM on a motion by Armstrong 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