

City of Indianola - Regular Session – March 23, 2021

The Indianola City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on March 23, 2021 in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Pam Pepper called the meeting to order and on roll call the following members were present: Heather Hulen, John Parker, Bob Kling, Greg Marchant, and Mayor Pepper. Council Member Gwen Schroder attended via Zoom. Absent: Greta Southall.

In Public Comment, Jesse Beckford, 708 S K Street, stated he would like Council to consider amending the Ordinances pertaining to livestock within city limits.

Council Member Southall joined the meeting via Zoom at 6:04 pm.

Item 5B, claims on the computer printout, was pulled from the consent agenda on a request by Council Member Hulen due to a conflict of interest.

Council Member Marchant moved to approve the consent agenda and Parker seconded the motion. In discussion City Manager Ryan Waller pointed out changes to the Indianola Finance policies and explained the list of applicants certified eligible for position of police officer. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously. The consent agenda was as follows:

- Approval of agenda
- Resolution 2021-060 approving monthly transfers for March 2021.
- March 1, 10 and 15, 2021 Minutes.
- Resolution 2021-061 setting a public hearing and letting dates for the City's Square Streetscape project.
- Approval of a renewal refuse hauling permit for Waste Management, Inc.
- A renewal Class E liquor license with Sunday sales privileges for Indy 66, located at 1201 North Jefferson.
- Approval of Pay Application Number 9 in the amount of \$1,872,561.42 to Williams Brothers Construction for the Water Resource Recovery Facility.
- Approval of utility accounts to be written-off and submitted to the State Offset Program.
- Approval of agreement between The Sports Page Grill, Inc DBA The Brickhouse and the City of Indianola for a deck located at 107 North Buxton Street.
- Approval of a Sidewalk Use Agreement for The Local Vine located at 126 W Ashland Avenue.
- Approval of a Sidewalk Use Agreement for Groggy Dog located at 116 West Ashland Avenue.
- Approval of a Sidewalk Use Agreement for West Hill Brewery located at 219 West Salem Avenue.
- Approval of a Sidewalk Use Agreement for On the Rocks, located at 100 North Howard Street.
- Resolution 2021-062 approving a request for a Plat of Survey for Joseph A. Greubel, located within two miles of the City of Indianola.
- Resolution 2021-063 approving a Plat of Survey for Terra Tender, Inc, located within two miles of the City of Indianola.
- Approval of Urban Revitalization Designations.
- Resolution 2021-064 approving the City of Indianola's Investment Policy.
- Resolution 2021-065 approving certain amendments to the City of Indianola Finance Policies.
- Receive and file the Fire Department's annual report.

- Approval of the Civil Service Commission list of applicants certified eligible for the position of police officer.
- Resolution 2021-066 approving salaries.

Parker moved to approve item 5B, claims on the computer printout, and Kling seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Abstain: Hulen. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried.

City Treasurer Doug Shull provided the Council with the January and February 2021 Treasurer's Reports. Council Member Marchant moved to receive and file the report and Hulen seconded the motion. Question was called for and on voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Kling moved and Hulen seconded to receive and file the EMS billing activity report for January and February 2021. Question was called for and on voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Marchant and seconded by Kling to appoint Tim Wilson to serve on the Indianola Fine Arts and Beautification Commission for a term beginning immediately and ending July 1, 2024. Question was called for and on voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pepper thanked attendees of the Streetscape meeting. The Mayor has attended the emergency management meeting and the IMU Board meeting. She stated the City has several seasonal job openings and volunteer opportunities on boards and commission. Mayor Pepper reported there will be a utility billing forum for the public on March 31st.

Resolution 2021-067 declaring April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month was introduced on a motion by Parker and seconded by Marchant. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pepper stated the Metro Advisory Committee has been reviewing proposed bills from State legislatures.

It was moved by Parker and seconded by Hulen to approve Resolution 2021-068 awarding a contract for the Moats Park Restroom project. In discussion, Parks and Recreation Director Doug Bylund stated the bids came in over budget; the special revenue account will be used to pay the difference. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Hulen moved to open the Public Hearing on the proposed plans and specifications on the West Highway 92 Tree Planting project and Marchant seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously. Bylund explained the project and the City's responsibilities. He stated some nurseries have experienced a shortage of trees due to the 2020 Derecho which affected some bid amounts. No other public comments were offered, and the Deputy City Clerk reported no written comments had been submitted.

It was moved by Kling and seconded by Parker to close the Public Hearing. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Hulen moved to approve Resolution 2021-069 approving the plans and specifications and contract for the West Highway 92 Tree Planting Project. Council Member Parker seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Marchant and seconded by Southall to approve Resolution 2021-070 adopting the Utility Refund Policy. In discussion, Andrew Lent, City Clerk/CFO stated the previous policy did not address storm water utility or recycling refunds. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-071 approving Brush Facility services for 2021 was introduced on a motion by Kling and seconded by Parker. In discussion, Akhilesh Pal, Public Works Director, outlined the services offered at the Brush Facility and changes for 2021. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Marchant moved to approve Resolution 2021-072 approving the City's annual Fee Schedule. Council Member Hulen seconded the motion. In discussion, Lent pointed out this is an annual adoption to coincide with the budget. Council asked staff to review mobile food vendor and ice cream vendor fees. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-073 approving a request for an alternative method of approval for a site plan for DeYarman Ford, located at 2406 North Jefferson Way was introduced on a motion by Schroder and seconded by Kling. Community and Economic Development Director Charlie Dissell recommended approval of the alternative plan for this business at the gateway of Indianola. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Schroder moved to adopt Resolution 2021-074 approving a letter of support for an application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority for a Community Catalyst Building Remediation Program Grant and Parker seconded. Dissell said the grant provides funds to stimulate economic growth. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Bylund explained the guidelines that will be implemented at the Aquatic Center this summer, noting that the guidelines are fluid and may need to be changed during the season.

City Manager Waller reminded citizens that the state-wide tornado drill is March 24.

Parker moved and Marchant seconded to receive and file correspondence from February 26 and March 5 and 12, 2021 weekly updates provided by City Manager, Ryan Waller. Question was called for and on voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

At 6:47 pm Marchant moved to enter into closed session in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(c) to discuss strategy with legal counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent and where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the government. Parker seconded the motion. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Marchant and seconded by Parker at 7:11 pm to exit the closed session. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken on items discussed in closed session.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm on a motion by Parker and seconded by Kling.

Pam Pepper, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrew J. Lent, City Clerk/CFO