

IRVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
109 W Caroline St. Irvington, KY 40146
Regular Meeting
MINUTES
April 6, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: REGULAR MEETING

Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm ET. Prayer was led by Pastor, Robert Young Jr. from First Baptist Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Council Members present included: Billy Synder, Jonathan Smith, Rhea Ballman, Joey Medley, Chance Peterson and Robert Young III. Others present included: City Attorney Luke Babb, City Clerk Sherrie Lawson and Ints Kampars with WXBC.

PRESENTATION: BLUEGRASS ENGINEERING

Bluegrass Engineer, Paul Reynolds was unable to attend the meeting.

2024 AUDITOR: SK LEE CPAS, P.S.C

Auditor, Sammie Lee was unable to attend the meeting.

NUISANCE CITATIONS:

Mayor Lucas explained that the City Council did not have the authority to rescind citations issued by the Code Enforcement Board (CEB). However, the CEB held a special called meeting to discuss the citations that were signed by Assistant Police Chief, Dan McCubbin. After some discuss, the CEB voted to rescind the citations and reissue once a new Health, Safety and Welfare officer was hired. Mayor Lucas further added that Karran Carpenter was the current chair person.

CEDAR HILL CROSS:

Mayor Lucas explained the quoted work had been completed, but the old electrical box had a short in it and had to be updated as well.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BRUSH TRUCK:

Mayor Lucas stated that Fire Chief, Jeremy Hougland had requested to advertise for bids on the 1992 brush truck again. Chief Hougland added that several people had reached out to him about the truck. Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman asked about an auction instead. After some discussion, Councilman, Jonathan Smith made a motion to advertise for bids and if the bids were rejected then the truck would go to auction. Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman seconded. All members present voting aye. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES: MARCH 2, 2026

Councilman, Robert Young III moved to approve the March 2nd, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted by City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson. Councilman, Billy Snyder seconded. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mayor Lucas explained that Fire Chief, Jeremy Hougland was going to give his report first because he had to leave for work. Chief Hougland added that the fire department had made eleven total runs this past month: 2 structure fires, 4 medical, 2 MVA, 1 controlled burn and 2 brush fires. Eight of the volunteers had attended the Dixie Fire School. Noah Hale received his basic FF 1 Certification (115 hours).

CITY CLERK/TREASURER REPORTS:

City Clerk/Treasurer, Sherrie Lawson presented the Treasurer's March Financial Report to the Council for review. City Clerk/Treasurer, Sherrie Lawson reported that a total of \$49,519.84 was collected for Meade

Co. RECC during March. There was one (1) new business license purchased during the month of March: Breck Co Board of Education. Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman moved to approve the new business licenses. Councilman, Billy Snyder seconded. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

March Overtime Report: Total Hours: 85:53 hours

City Hall 1 hour, Operation/Maintenance 5 hours, Waste/Water 0.53 mins and Police Department 79 hours. Total Overtime for the Year 291:07 hours. Police Department 189:55 hrs., Operation/Maintenance 75:59 hrs., City Hall 1 hr., and Wastewater 24:53 hrs. The auditors have scheduled their on-site visit for May.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Public Works Superintendent, Chris Lucas stated they had repaired three water leaks and picked up trash on the roads. They worked on the mowing equipment and started mowing grass. C&C Portables pumped one septic tank. Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman moved to advertise for bids on paving: Johnson Street, North Fifth between East Union and Lake, Michelle Way and East Caroline Street from Highway 79 to 3rd Street. Councilman, Billy Snyder seconded. Motion carried.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT:

Police Chief, Jason Ballman stated that Assistant Chief, Dan McCubbin was off work sick. He should return to work on Monday. He added that Sheild 616 fitted everyone for their new vest this past Saturday. Also, the new truck should arrive in June.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL:

Park Manager, Joe Drake stated the new flags for the flag poles had arrived.

VANCE SIMMONS PARK:

Park Manager, Joe Drake asked about getting some picnic tables and trash cans brought to the park before it warms up.

EVA CARMAN PARK:

Park Manager, William Ditto stated that an Easter Egg Hunt was scheduled for March 28th from 12:00 to 2:00 pm ET at the Park. Everyone was invited to come out for the festivities. He further added that May 27th was Eva Carman Day and would be celebrated on Saturday, May 30th. A community picnic was schedule for June 6th beginning at 12:00 noon. The Fireworks Show was scheduled for June 27th beginning at 4:00 pm ET.

VISITORS REQUEST AND COMMENTS:

Kentucky 10th District candidate, John Whipple informed the council that he was hosting a Town Hall Meeting on April 17th at 5:00 pm ET at the Irvington Depot. He invited everyone to come and ask questions.

Teddy Embrey addressed the council about changing the name of Kentucky Street to Lucas Street in honor of Charles (Muggsy) and Edna Lucas. After much discussion the council agreed to have City Attorney, Luke Babb look into the process of changing a city street name.

Melissa Metcalfe asked the council about purchasing an acre of land from the city. After some discussion, Councilman, Robert Young III made a motion to move forward on the details of selling an acre. Councilman, Joey Medley seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. 1st Reading of Ordinance 2026-04-01: Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas read Ordinance 2026-04-01, an ordinance annexing territory located on the northerly side of US-60 near Irvington, into the City in its entirety.
- B. 1st Reading of Ordinance 2026-01-04: Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas read Ordinance 2026-01-04, an ordinance establishing the regulation of solicitation and solicitors in its entirety.
- C. 1st Reading of Ordinance 2026-01-02: Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas read Ordinance 2026-01-02, an ordinance establishing a non-exclusive franchise and fee on towing services in its entirety.
- D. 1st Reading of Ordinance 2026-01-07: Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas read Ordinance 2026-01-07, an ordinance repealing, replacing and combining all other nuisance ordinances in its entirety. After some discussion Mayor Lucas stated that he would make the changes. The Council would have 1st Reading of Ordinance 2026-01-07 at the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

- A. The next Code Enforcement Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15th at 6:00 pm ET at Irvington City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman moved to adjourn this meeting. Councilman, Robert Young III seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 pm ET.

CHARLES DOUGLAS LUCAS, MAYOR

ATTEST _____
SHERRIE LAWSON, CITY CLERK/TREASURER