

**IRVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
109 W CAROLINE ST. IRVINGTON, KY
MINUTES
APRIL 7, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 pm EDT. Prayer was led by Councilman, Robert Young III followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Council Members present included: Robert Young III, Rhea Ballman, Jonathan Mattingly, Joey Medley, Jonathan Smith and Billy Synder. Others present included: City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson, City Attorney, Luke Babb and Lee Bramlett with WXBC.

PRESENTATION: BLUEGRASS ENGINEERING

Due to the recent flooding in the state, Paul Reynolds was unable to attend the meeting.

MINUTES: March 3rd Regular, March 19th and 24th Special Called

Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman made a motion to approve the March 3, 2025 Regular Meeting and March 19th and 24th Special Called meeting Minutes as submitted by City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson and Councilman, Billy Synder seconded. All members present voting aye, motion carried unanimously.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER REPORTS

City Clerk/Treasurer, Sherrie Lawson presented the Treasurer's March Financial Report for the Council's review and the Clerk's report (See attachment for details).

City Clerk/Treasurer, Sherrie Lawson reported a total Meade Co RECC Collections for March of \$43,605.53. There were 52 City Stickers sold during March, and the total for the year (Oct-Mar) was 225. There were 15 Business Licenses sold during the month of March and 46 Business Licenses sold for the year (Oct-Mar).

Overtime Report: March Total 47:10 hours: Office Staff 0 hours, Operation/Maintenance 4:28 hours, Waste/Water 2:82 hours and Police Department 40 hours. Total Overtime for the Year 241:10 hours.

Lawson stated that there was some damage to the City's buildings during the March 30, 2025 storms and added that she was waiting on pictures of the damages in order to file the claims.

BUSINESS LICENSE APPROVAL

Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman moved, seconded by Councilman, Jonathan Mattingly to approve the new business license: Daily Green Power. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

Public Works Director, Chris Lucas was unable to attend the meeting, but Mayor Lucas stated that Operations and Maintenance had repaired 4 leaks, had C&C Portables pump 2 septic tanks and had worked on debris removal since the storm. Lucas further added that the crew had started mowing the city's properties prior to the storms.

CEDAR HILL CEMETERY

Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas reported that no plots had been purchased this month.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Police Chief, Jason Ballman stated that PD had responded to 113 calls during the past month with one less officer on duty. The overtime was only 40 hours for the whole month. Officer Goodman had returned to work on April 6th from medical leave. The new truck had major repairs made that were still under warranty. The

Police Department ceiling had been damaged due to the leaking roof but still no response from the insurance company.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief, Jeremy Hougland stated that the Fire Department had responded to 35 total calls this month with 20 of those being medical. Chief Hougland added that the Spring Festival scheduled for May 10th will be held in a different location this year at the Irvington Elementary School everyone was encouraged to come out and support the Festival. The proceeds from the Festival will help support the Crusade for Children. He further continued that Irvington and Harned were the only two departments that had not switched over to the new radio system and would not be able to communicate with dispatch by the end of the month. After some discussion, Councilman, Robert Young III moved, seconded by Councilman, Jonathan Mattingly to designate \$7,500 to purchase the remaining new radios for the department. All members present voting aye, motion carried unanimously. Fire Chief, Jeremy Hougland thanked the council members for their support.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

Park Manager, Joe Drake stated that he was working with Chris Lucas on removing the old shrubs from the park as well as working on getting quotes to have the flag poles sand blasted and painted.

VANCE SIMMONS PARK

Park Manager, Joe Drake stated that the drive going to the backstop had washed out and needed repairs. City Clerk Lawson added that she was ordering the portables this week for the park and needs to know the location of placement. Park Manager, Drake requested that the handicap portable be placed at the bottom of the hill and the regular portable be placed at the top near the parking area.

EVA CARMAN PARK

Park Manager, William Ditto requested that the fence line at the park be cleaned out, it was over grown and in need of some maintenance. Ditto further added that the designated area for the playground equipment was being prepped for the installation. Park Manager, Ditto reminded everyone about the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Eva G Carman Foundation scheduled for April 12, 2025 beginning at 12:00 pm ET. He encouraged everyone to come out and support the event.

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE OFFICIAL

Health, Safety & Welfare Official, Kristie Taul explained she had visited 28 businesses that did not have a current business license. Since that time 22 of those had purchased their license. She also visited 7 addresses that had campers, small buildings, or mini houses which are in violation of the City's ordinance. Six of those residents have contacted city hall in order to address the situation. She continued to explain the remaining 15 violations: 9 locations with expired city sticker, 2 noncompliant building permits, and 4 sidewalk violations and the status of each category. She added that she plans to do inspections once a week for about 4 hours then finished out the day working on the next steps (contacting the owners) as listed in the City's Ordinances.

VISITORS REQUEST AND COMMENTS

Mayor Lucas opened the floor for comments. Former Mayor, Yvonne Kennedy addressed the council with her concerns about the approval of allowing chickens within city limits. She reiterated that this would devalue the surrounding properties. Ms. Vi Barr also agreed that this would only devalue the properties and cause a nuisance of other animals. After much explanation, Mayor Lucas thanked each of them for their comments.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance 2025-03-02: An Ordinance Amending The City Of Irvington Kentucky Code Of Ordinances To Allow Chickens Within The City Limits And Ordinance Compliance Requirements. Mayor Lucas read the ordinance in its entirety to the council and everyone present for the meeting. After some discussion, Mayor Lucas called for a roll call vote with Council Members, Rhea Ballman, Joey Medley, Jonathan Mattingly, and Jonathan Smith voting aye and Council Members, Billy Snyder and Robert Young III voting nay. Ordinance 2025-03-02 passed with a four (4) to two (2) votes.
- B. Amendment: Water Purchase Agreement between Irvington and Hardinsburg
After reading the Water Purchase Agreement, Mayor Lucas explained the changes to Section 2 Quantity of Water. The amount of purchased was amended to increase the maximum amount from five (5) million to ten (10) million gallons per month. Section 3 Minimum Purchase was amended to increase from three (3) million to five (5) million per month. After some discussion, Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman moved to approve the Water Purchase Agreement as read and Councilman, Jonathan Mattingly seconded. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. City Attorney, Luke Babb informed the council that he was working on a business license fee of 1.5% on net gross. After some discussion, the council agreed to the 1.5% on net profit not gross. No action was taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The next Code Enforcement Board meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2025 at 6:00 pm ET at the Irvington City Hall.
- B. Come out and join the FUN at the Easter Egg Hunt at the Eva Carman Park beginning at 12:00 ET.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilwoman Rhea Ballman moved to adjourn this meeting and Councilman, Robert Young III seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:08 pm ET.

CHARLES DOUGLAS LUCAS, MAYOR

ATTEST _____
SHERRIE LAWSON, CITY CLERK/TREASURER