

IRVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
109 W Caroline St. Irvington, KY 40146
Regular Meeting
MINUTES
December 1, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: REGULAR MEETING

Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 pm ET. Prayer was led by Councilman, Jonathan Smith followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Council Members present included: Robert Young III, Rhea Ballman, Joey Medley, Billy Synder and Jonathan Smith. Members absent included: City Attorney, Luke Babb and Councilmember, Jonathan Mattingly. Others present included: City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson and Ints Kampars with WXBC.

Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas explained to the Council that Jonathan Mattingly had resigned from his position as Councilman for the City of Irvington. Mayor Lucas read the entire resignation letter to the Council. He added that this matter would be addressed later in the meeting, but he wanted everyone to be aware of Councilman, Jonathan Mattingly's resignation.

PRESENTATION: BLUEGRASS ENGINEERING

Bluegrass Engineer, Paul Reynolds was absent.

MINUTES: October 6, 2025 Regular Meeting

City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson explained that she did not include the entire motion on the tower repairs in the October 6, 2025 Minutes. Mayor Lucas added that the October 6th Minutes needed to be amendment. After some explanation Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman made a motion to amend the October 6th Minutes to read.... After much explanation and discussion on the two repairs, Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman made the motion to approve the installation and payment of the VFD, the quote from Currens in the amount of \$8,310.00 to repair the interior and exterior of tank, or the quote of \$5,925.00 to just seal the exterior of the tank weather permitting. Councilman, Billy Snyder seconded. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Councilman, Billy Snyder moved to approve the October 6, 2025 Minutes as amended, and Councilman, Robert Young III seconded. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: November 3rd Regular and November 24th Special Called 2025

Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman moved to approve the November 3rd Regular and November 24th Special Called Meeting Minutes as submitted by City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson. Councilman, Robert Young III seconded. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER REPORTS:

City Clerk/Treasurer, Sherrie Lawson presented the Treasurer's November Financial Report to the Council for review.

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City Clerk/Treasurer, Sherrie Lawson reported that a total of \$30,086.83 was collected for Meade CO RECC during November. There were no out-of-town Business Licenses sold during the month of November for 2026.

November Overtime Report: Total Hours: 89:58 hours

City Hall 7:03 mins, Operation/Maintenance 32:05 hours, Waste/Water 0 hours and Police Department 50:50 hours. Total Overtime for the Year 838:40 hours. Police Department 537:02, Operation/Maintenance 246.03, City Hall 35:13, and Wastewater 20:22.

This month we worked on decorating the Veterans Park, Depot and City Hall with greenery, wreaths and red bows and encouraged everyone to participate by placing a wreath with a red bow on their door for the parade. Also, we decorated the inside of the Depot for our visit from Santa. Wal-Mart donated two bicycles for the Christmas parade drawing at the Depot again this year. Santa's visited was a huge success and afterwards he rode on the City's train in the parade.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT:

Public Works Superintendent, Chris Lucas stated that they have been working on putting the Christmas lights and banners up on the poles. Assisted the Mayor with putting the lights on the City Christmas tree located at the Women's Park. They repaired two water leaks and picked up trash on the roads. Lucas added that they have been working more at the plant and on an air-line. Also, they have worked on the snow removal equipment getting it ready for the winter.

CEDAR HILL CEMETERY:

Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas did not have anything to report on the cemetery. Councilman, Jonathan Smith inquired about repairs on the cross. Mayor Lucas added that he had not received any quotes to date. Councilman Smith stated that he had received a quote for repairs on the cross from Sanders Roofing and Construction LLC in the amount of \$7,855.00. However, Councilman, Robert Young III was concerned if the quote had expired since it was dated for August 5th, 2025. Councilman Smith texted the owner asking if the quote was still good. The Council moved forward with the meeting while waiting for the response.

Chief Ballman inquired about a quote on the old jail. City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson stated that she had received a quote on the old jail roof from Roof Angel in the amount of \$7,900.00 which Mayor Lucas had already approved.

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POLICE CHIEF REPORT:

Police Chief, Jason Ballman stated that he had completed his in-service training. He added that the Police Department decorated the outside of the building for the parade this year. He further added that the Police Department had purchased a 2017 Ford Explorer fully equipped from the City of Hardinsburg for \$5,500.00. Now, the motor in the 2020 Durango blew-up and to get it fix would cost approximately \$8,000.00. He just wanted the Council to be informed about the 2017 Ford Explorer problem. Chief Ballman added that Officer, Johnny Drake would start the academy in February.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief, Jeremy Hougland was unable to attend the meeting. Assistant Fire Chief, Jason Ballman asked about quotes on the fire department roof. City Clerk, Lawson stated that only one had been submitted so far. He further added that the new fire truck was being stored in the old recycle building.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL:

Park Manager, Joe Drake thanked City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson and Assistant Clerk, Kristie Taul for decorating the Veterans Park for Veterans Day and then in time for the Christmas Parade.

VANCE SIMMONS PARK:

No Report

EVA CARMAN PARK:

Park Manager, William Ditto explained that there had not been any events since November.

VISITORS REQUEST AND COMMENTS:

No Comments

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Update: Tree Removal. Chris Lucas stated that the two trees one on West Maple and one on East Walnut scheduled to be removed were almost done.
Update: Speed Bumps. After some discussion, the Council agreed to table this matter until spring after the blacktop plant is reopened for the season.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Surplus: Fire Department Decommissioned 1992 Brush Truck and Police Department DRMO 1998 Ford F800 Truck. After some discussion about advertising, Councilwoman, Rhea

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Ballman moved to surplus and sell on an online auction the 1992 Brush Truck and 1998 Ford F800. Councilman, Joey Medley seconded. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

- B. Set Date to Appoint a New Council Member: Mayor Lucas read Councilman, Jonathan Mattingly's resignation letter to the Council at the beginning of the meeting. Lucas added that the Council needed to appoint a person to fill the vacant position. He further explained that the position needed to be filled within thirty-days from the date of the resignation letter. After some discussion, the Special Called meeting was scheduled for December 11th at 6:30 pm ET. Mayor Lucas asked WXBC Reporter, Ints Kampars to put the Special Called Meeting information on the radio. Kampars added that it would be on the radio in the morning.
- C. While waiting for a response from Sanders Roofing and Construction, Councilman, Robert Young III moved to approve the current quote from Sanders Roofing and Construction only if the adjusted amount did not exceed \$8,000.00 and Councilman, Billy Snyder seconded. All members present voted aye. Motion carried. However, Sanders responded to Councilman, Jonathan Smith's text and confirmed that he would honor the current quote of \$7,855.00.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

- A. The next Code Enforcement Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17th at 6:00 pm ET at the Irvington City Hall
- B. Santa Christmas Parade, Dec 20th drive-thru Green Valley and IGA Parking Lots.

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 8:00 pm ET.

CHARLES DOUGLAS LUCAS, MAYOR

ATTEST _____
SHERRIE LAWSON, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

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