

IRVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
109 W Caroline St. Irvington, KY 40146
Regular Meeting
MINUTES
February 2, 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 Councilman, Jonathan Smith followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Council Members present included: Billy Synder, Jonathan Smith, Joey Medley and Chance Peterson. Members absent included: Councilman, Robert Young III and Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman. 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.

MINUTES: JANUARY 5TH REGULAR AND JANUARY 26TH SPECIAL CALLED

Councilman, Billy Snyder moved to approve the January 5th Regular and January 26th Special Called Meeting Minutes as submitted by City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson. Councilman, Jonathan Smith seconded. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER REPORTS:

City Clerk/Treasurer, Sherrie Lawson presented the Treasurer's January Financial Report to the Council for review. City Clerk/Treasurer, Sherrie Lawson reported that a total of \$44,383.58 was collected for Meade Co. RECC during January. There were two (2) new business licenses purchased during the month of January: Tom Baxter and Acculevel. Councilman, Billy Snyder moved to approve the new business licenses, and Councilman, Jonathan Smith seconded. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

January Overtime Report: Total Hours: 45:13 hours

City Hall 0 hours, Operation/Maintenance 6:18 hours, Waste/Water 1:05 hours and Police Department 37:50 hours. Total Overtime for the Year 45:13 hours. Police Department 37:50, Operation/Maintenance 6:18, City Hall 0, and Wastewater 1:05.

We had two Council meetings this month, and we are working on closing this past years' books and preparing for the next.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT:

Public Works Superintendent, Chris Lucas stated that they have been working at the Ater Heights Pump Station installing the variable frequency drives (VFDs) for the glass line water tower repairs. They have repaired one water leak and picked up trash on the roads. Also, they have worked on the snow removal equipment getting it ready for the cold weather. During the snow storm, they salted and scraped the roads.

CEDAR HILL CEMETERY:

Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas did not have anything to report on the cemetery.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT:

Police Chief, Jason Ballman stated that there were two officers on duty patrolling during the inclement weather. He added that the City Streets were kept in great shape. Police Chief, Ballman reminded the Council that the department was in need of a new vehicle because the motor in the 2020 Durango had blown-up. He further added that the mechanic had advised against investing more money into the vehicle.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief, Jeremy Hougland stated that the fire department staff made 21 runs during the month of January. He further added that during the winter emergency our fire house was staffed 24hrs a day to provide coverage to our communities. Also, the FY2026 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) grant in the amount of \$7,000 opened for 2 sets of turnout gear which the fire department applies for each cycle. He is currently watching for any grants available on the construction of a new facility. Eight firefighters signed up for training\school in March. An anonymous donation of eight Milwaukee batteries for cordless tools was graciously received valuing approximately \$1,000.00. He wanted to thank the community for their valuable support.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL:

Park Manager, Joe Drake was absent.

VANCE SIMMONS PARK:

Park Manager, Joe Drake was absent.

EVA CARMAN PARK:

Park Manager, William Ditto was absent.

VISITORS REQUEST AND COMMENTS:

No request made.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 1st Reading Ordinance 2026-01-01: Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas read Ordinance 2026-01-01, an ordinance amending the Business and Occupational License Tax Ordinance 2025-06 only in the aspect of SECTION 10, the penalty section, and SECTION 6, the filing requirements section of the ordinance in its entirety. After some discussion, about the difference in the language between the business tax and occupational tax penalties and interest charts the Mayor stated that he would change the business tax chart so that both charts contain the same language. No action was taken.
- B. 1st Reading Ordinance 2026-01-08: Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas read Ordinance 2026-01-08, an ordinance establishing the annual pay rate for Mayor and City Council Members positions of the City of Irvington, Kentucky in its entirety. No action was taken.
- C. 1st Reading Ordinance 2026-01-06: Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas read Ordinance 2026-01-06, an ordinance amending the Creation of Health, Safety and Welfare Officer ordinance. No action was taken.
- D. 1st Reading Ordinance 2026-01-03: Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas read Ordinance 2026-01-03, an ordinance amending water, sewer and sanitation services reconnection fees in its entirety. No action was taken.

- E. 1st Reading Ordinance 2026-01-05: Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas read Ordinance 2026-01-05, an ordinance amending sewer and wastewater connection fees in its entirety. No action was taken.

- F. Police Chief, Jason Ballman submitted a quote that he had received from Stivers Ford Lincoln for the purchase of a new truck. After much discussion, Councilman, Jonathan Smith moved to purchase the 2026 Ford F150 Responder from Stivers Ford Lincoln in the amount of \$55,598.00 and authorize Mayor Lucas and City Clerk Lawson to secure the financing for the City. Councilman, Joey Medley seconded. All members present voting aye. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

- A. The next Code Enforcement Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18th at 6:00 pm ET at Irvington City Hall

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilman, Jonathan Smith moved to adjourn this meeting. Councilman, Joey Medley seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:08 pm ET.

CHARLES DOUGLAS LUCAS, MAYOR

ATTEST _____
SHERRIE LAWSON, CITY CLERK/TREASURER