

IRVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
109 W Caroline St. Irvington, KY 40146
Regular Meeting
MINUTES
February 3, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENTATION: BLUEGRASS ENGINEERING

Paul Reynolds introduced himself to the new council members. He further added that the KIA Project was completed and all the funds had been used. The Lon Dowell Water Main Extension Project was completed and had funds available to cover the water tower repairs and still had \$30,000 remaining to be utilized. He was going to ask the State Division of Water if the remaining funds could be used for sewer repairs.

PRESENTATION: BOY SCOUT TROOP 95

Sherry Stith explained to the council that the Scouts and their families started participating in the Kimbell Bench Project in 2020. They collected bottled caps which were melted and molded into a park bench that they wanted to present to the City of Irvington for the Eva Carman Park. The Scouts wanted to show their appreciation to the City for the use of Eva Carman Park for events held by the Scouts.

MINUTES: January 15, 2025 Special Called

Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman made a motion to approve the January 15th Special Called Meeting Minutes as submitted by City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson and Councilman, Jonathan Mattingly seconded. All members present voting aye, motion carried unanimously.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER REPORTS

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

City Clerk/Treasurer, Sherrie Lawson reported a total Meade Co RECC Collections for January of \$40,632.99. There were 44 City Stickers sold during January, and the total for the year (Oct-Jan) was 53. There were 8 Business Licenses sold during the month of January and 19 Business Licenses sold for the year (Oct-Nov).

Overtime Report: January Total 148:52 hours:

Office Staff 17:50 hours, Operation/Maintenance 50:12 hours, Waste/Water 0 hours and Police Department 80:50 hours. Total Overtime for the Year 148:52

BUSINESS LICENSE APPROVAL

Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman moved, seconded by Councilman, Jonathan Mattingly to approve the two new business licenses: VP Group of Keller Williams and Healthy Kids Extended Day Program. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

Public Works Director, Chris Lucas explained that it was work as usual picking up trash on the roads, collecting samples, repairing leaks and working on the snow removal equipment. They also pumped two septic tanks and spread salt on the roads before the snow.

CEDAR HILL CEMETERY

Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas reported that one plot had been sold during the month of January.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Police Chief, Jason Ballman stated that the overtime this month was due to the police shooting and the man hunt that occurred in the county. Irvington responded before having to be call out for backup. Also, they were waiting until the roof was repaired before switching over the computers.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Hougland explained that the fire department had responded to 29 runs during this month. He also explained that the Breckinridge County Dispatch was upgrading their communication system and all fire departments were going to need new radios in order to communicate with dispatch. The Irvington Fire Department would need approximately 19 new radios. Hougland informed the council that they had applied for and was awarded a grant for two new sets of turnout gear. Hougland added that the Spring Festival will be held in a different location this year 103 US Highway 60. They are hoping that the new location will help with better participation. The Spring Festival is scheduled for May 10, 2025 beginning at 9:00am.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

No report.

VANCE SIMMONS PARK

Park Manager, Joe Drake reported that during the snowy weather people trespassed and drove their cars on the grassy areas at the park causing a lot of damage to the grounds. He added that the damage would need to be addressed in the spring before the park opened to the public.

EVA CARMAN PARK

Park Manger, William Ditto left with the Boy Scouts to help unload the new park bench.

VISITORS REQUEST AND COMMENTS

Darrell Priest addressed the council about the drainage problems on Maple Street and the alley way. He informed the council that he had called about the problem last spring and file a complaint. He was told to address the council with the problem. Some of the tiles were clogged with years of debris and some had collapsed. The water wasn't even going through the tiles but washing over and flooding the yards. Chris Lucas added that he would look at the tile problem and figured out the best way to address the repairs.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proclamation: Mayor Lucas announced that he had by Proclamation and Executive Order proclaimed May 27, 2025 as Eva Carman Day signed by him on January 31, 2025. The City of Irvington would recognize and honor Ms. Eva Carman for her many accomplishments during her life time.
- B. Cecilian Bank Accounts: Mayor Lucas explained that Fire Chief, Jeremy Hougland was removed from the Fire Department accounts when he was deployed for active duty and needed to be added back on to the accounts. Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman moved to approve adding Jeremy Hougland on the Fire Department Accounts at the Cecilian Bank and Councilman, Jonathan Mattingly seconded. All members present voting aye, motion carried unanimously.
- C. Ordinance: Chickens in City Limits. After some discussion, the Council agreed to have the City Attorney draft an ordinance by the next meeting.
- D. Surplus: Fire Chief, Jeremy Hougland explained that the fire department no longer used the 2011 Crown Victoria and would like to surplus it. Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman moved seconded by Councilman, Jonathan Mattingly to surplus the 2011 Crown Victoria. All members present voting aye, motion carried unanimously.

ANOUNCEMENT

The next Code Enforcement Board meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2025 at 6:00 pm EDT at the Irvington City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Robert Young III moved to adjourn this meeting and Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 pm EDT.

CHARLES DOUGLAS LUCAS, MAYOR

ATTEST _____
SHERRIE LAWSON, CITY CLERK/TREASURER