

IRVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
109 W Caroline St. Irvington, KY 40146
Special Called
MINUTES
January 15, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas called the Special Called Meeting to order at 7:00 pm EDT. Prayer was led by Pastor Keita Parmes followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas introduced the newly elected council members Jonathan Mattingly and Joey Medley member Jonathan Smith was unable to attend and returning members Rhea Ballman, Robert Young III and Billy Snyder. Each Council Member explained their reason for running for office to everyone attending the meeting. Others present included: City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson and Ints Kampars with WXBC.

HIRING OF NEW CITY ATTORNEY

Mayor Lucas explained that Racheal Brown had resigned from the position of city attorney and had recommended Mr. Luke Babb as her replacement. Mr. Babb introduced himself and added that he was currently working in Meade County and gave the Council Members more details about his qualifications and personal life. After some discussion Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman moved to hire Mr. Luke Babb as the new City Attorney and Councilman, Billy Snyder seconded. All members voting aye, motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION: BLUEGRASS ENGINEERING

Paul Reynolds was unable to attend the meeting.

MINUTES: DECEMBER 2, 2024

Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman made a motion to approve the December 2, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted by City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson and Councilman, Robert Young III seconded. All members present voting aye, motion carried unanimously.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER REPORTS

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

City Clerk/Treasurer, Sherrie Lawson reported a total Meade Co RECC Collections for December of \$33,848.21. There were 9 City Stickers sold during December, and the total for the year (Oct-Nov) was 10. There were 11 Business Licenses renewals sold during the month of December and 11 Business Licenses renewals sold for the year (Oct-Nov).

Overtime Report: December Total 37:53 hours:

Office Staff 0 hours, Operation/Maintenance 14:53 hours, Waste/Water 6:30 hours and Police Department 16:30 hours. The yearly total for all departments 1,047:40 hours.

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 install a new water service on Park Ave.

CEDAR HILL CEMETERY

One plot had been sold during the month of December.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Police Chief, Jason Ballman gave his annual yearend report for 2024 to the council. Chief Ballman stated that PD had responded to 745 calls this past year. He further added that the roof was leaking on the PD and needed repairs. Chief Ballman explained that the PD was researching information pertaining to an impound lot in order to generate revenues. Also, they were working on improvements to the evidence system.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief, Jeremey Hougland gave his annual yearend report for 2024 to the council (see attachment for details). Chief Hougland stated that they had responded to 382 calls for service this past year. He further added that the department had completed 1,182 hours in training and Mikey Baker achieved certification and promoted to Lieutenant. Chief Hougland explained the importance of purchasing land for a new fire department and that it would qualify them for grants to build.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

No report.

VANCE SIMMONS PARK

No report.

EVA CARMAN PARK

Park Manger, William Ditto stated that baby changing tables had been installed in both bathrooms at the Park.

VISITORS REQUEST AND COMMENTS

No request.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

- A. After some discussion, Councilman, Billy Snyder moved, seconded by Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman to renew the Tower Lease Agreement with Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon. All members present voting aye, motion carried.
- B. Mayor Lucas explained that Police Chief, Ballman had received one quote from J&R Home Improvements in the amount of \$8,255.74 to repair the PD roof. After much discussion, Councilwoman Rhea Ballman moved to accept the quote as submitted by J&R Home Improvements and Councilman, Billy Snyder seconded. Mayor Lucas called for a verbal vote on the quote: Councilmen Billy Snyder, Robert Young III, and Joey Medley voting Aye, Councilman, Jonathan Mattingly abstained and Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman voting Aye. Motion carried.

- C. Survey: Breckridge County United Inc submitted a new land survey to the Council Members. The plans to develop the 78.958 acres located on Highway 60, north of Norton Road into an industrial park.
- D. KRS 65.055 Requirements: Mayor Lucas distributed the “Open Records and Open Meeting Acts” and “Managing Government Records: A cooperative Undertaking” to the Council required by law. Each Council Member present signed the certificate of distribution and returned it to the Mayor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, Councilwoman Rhea Ballman moved to adjourn this meeting and Councilman, Billy Snyder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:37 pm EDT.

CHARLES DOUGLAS LUCAS, MAYOR

ATTEST _____
SHERRIE LAWSON, CITY CLERK/TREASURER