

IRVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
109 W Caroline St. Irvington, KY 40146
Regular Meeting
MINUTES
January 5, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: REGULAR MEETING

Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 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, Billy Synder, Jonathan Smith and Chance Peterson. Members absent included: City Attorney, Luke Babb and Councilman, Joey Medley. Others present included: City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson and Ints Kampars with WXBC.

A YEAR END REFLECTION:

Mayor Lucas addressed the crowd present at the meeting with a moment of reflection on all the accomplishments reached during this past year. The many challenges overcome by his small staff and volunteers in order to reach his goals. The teamwork which was established among the departments to make these improvements possible will carry over into the new year as we continue to strive to make our little City all it can be. (See letter for detail listing)

PRESENTATION: BLUEGRASS ENGINEERING

Bluegrass Engineer, Paul Reynolds stated that the variable frequency drives (VFD) were installed at the booster pump station which would allow for the decommission of the glass line water tower in order to complete the repairs to the interior and exterior of the tank. He further added that both the water and sewer line extension project for the industrial development park have been approved by the State Division of Water. Both easements for the project were completed. He added that bids on the project should be ready for advertisement near the end of the month.

MINUTES: December 1st Regular and December 11th Special Called 2025

Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman moved to approve the December 1st Regular and December 11th Special Called Meeting Minutes as submitted by City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson. Councilman, Billy Snyder seconded. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER REPORTS:

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

City Clerk/Treasurer, Sherrie Lawson reported that a total of \$37,819.29 was collected for Meade Co. RECC during December. There were five (5) out-of-town Business Licenses renewed during the month of December for 2026.

December Overtime Report: Total Hours: 81:30 hours

City Hall 0 hours, Operation/Maintenance 31:52 hours, Waste/Water 1:38 hours and Police Department 48 hours. Total Overtime for the Year 920:10 hours. Police Department 585:02, Operation/Maintenance 277:55, City Hall 35:13, and Wastewater 22.

The letters to Santa were mailed on December 17th to the North Pole. We had two Council meetings this month and appointed Chance Peterson to the Council. We are working on closing this past year and preparing for the next.

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PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT:

Public Works Superintendent, Chris Lucas stated that they have been working at the Ater Heights Pump Station installing the VFDs for the glass line water tower repairs. They have installed one new water service on the Long Valley Road, repaired one water leak and picked up trash on the roads. Lucas added that they have worked at the plant on an air- line and installed new lights at the shop. 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.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT:

Police Chief, Jason 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. Mayor Lucas asked Chief Ballman to get some information on a newer vehicle for the Council to review.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief, Jeremy Hougland stated that the fire department staff made 18 runs in December and a total of 290 runs for the year. He further added that they had received a reimbursement grant from the Kentucky Fire Commission for 3 new thermal imaging cameras. Also, the FY2026 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) grant in the amount of \$7,000 opened today 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.

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 explained that there had not been any events since November.

VISITORS REQUEST AND COMMENTS:

Stephaine Phelps addressed the Council about a letter she had received from the Health, Safety and Welfare Officer. After some discussion, Councilwoman Rhea Ballman explained that this was a matter for the Code Enforcement Board.

Officer, James Goodman presented detailed information regarding officer-involved shootings (OIS), when the suspect uses a rifle. He explained four key areas to the Council: Prevalence of High-Velocity Weaponry, Escalation in Ambush-Style Attacks, Body Armor Effectiveness and Incident Outcomes. He further explained that these weapons (rifles) were common in our area due to the high number of hunters.

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Officer, Tyler Mitcham presented a video about Shield616, Inc a charity with a mission to protect and serve first responders through a donation program in order to assist with equipping officers with advanced light weight 3A rifle rated protection gear. Mitcham passed around the Angel Armor for the Council to examine and explained in detail the advantages that the Angel Armor provides the officer. After some discussion, Councilman Jonathan Smith moved to proceed with contracting with Sheild616 to fund raise for six Angle Armor Systems, and Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman seconded. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Ordinance 2025-12: Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas read Ordinance 2025-12, an ordinance declaring the City of Irvington Kentucky's intent to annex territory located on the northerly side of US-60 near Irvington, Breckinridge County, Kentucky, into the City in its entirety. No action was taken.
- B. KRS 65.055 Requires Mayors to distribute: "Open Records and Open Meeting Acts" and "Managing Government Records: A Cooperative Undertaking" to new or incoming Council Members. Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas gave Councilman, Chance Peterson all of the required information.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

- A. The next Code Enforcement Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21st at 6:00 pm ET at Irvington City Hall

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