

IRVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
109 W Caroline St. Irvington, KY 40146
Regular Meeting
MINUTES
July 7, 2025

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, Robert Young III, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Council Members present included: Robert Young III, Rhea Ballman, Jonathan Mattingly, Joey Medley, Jonathan Smith and Billy Synder. Others present included: City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson, Ints Kampars with WXBC and City Attorney, Luke Babb.

PRESENTATION: BLUEGRASS ENGINEERING

Bluegrass Engineer, Paul Reynolds introduced Breckinridge County United, Executive Director, Meredith Dubree to the new Council members. Miss Dubree wanted to meet the new members and give an up-date on the Breck United Industrial Park US 60 Water Main Extension. She gave all the members a current map of the park and explained that Breck United was in the process of acquiring funding for a water line and sewer line extension to the park. A project that would cost Breck United approximately \$250,000.00. She added that the Kentucky Product Development Initiative had awarded \$99,000 of the funding for the water line. They were hoping for additional funding either through grants or investments for the remainder. Breck United was excited about starting on the preliminary part of the project. She turned the floor back over to Paul Reynolds to explain the details.

Paul Reynolds explained that the project calls for the construction of approximately 1,100 feet of 6-inch water line costing approximately \$114,000 including engineering fees and 1,100 feet of 2-inch sewer line costing approximately \$150,000 including engineering fees. The total project cost was \$250,000, which included \$56,000 in engineering fees. After some discussion, Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman moved to approve the agreement between Bluegrass Engineering and the City of Irvington for professional services on the US 60 Water Main and Sewer Main Extensions and authorized the Mayor to sign the agreement. Councilman, Jonathan Mattingly seconded. All members present voting aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Reynolds went on to give an up-date on the Lon Dowell Water Main Extension remaining funds. He stated that the Council had agreed to use the remaining KIA funds of \$33,238.27 for manhole relining. However, they have now indicated that this will not be allowed. The KIA funds must only be used on water projects. He further added that the glass lined water tank recently started leaking. He is hoping that we can use the remaining funds for a temporary repair to the tank. Paul Reynolds stated that Bluegrass Engineering would develop a project profile on the tank rehabilitation project.

MINUTES: JUNE 2, 2025 REGULAR AND JUNE 23, 2025 SPECIAL CALLED

Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman made a motion to approve the June 2nd and June 23rd Meeting Minutes as submitted by City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson. Councilman, Joey Medley seconded. All members present voting aye, motion carried unanimously.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER REPORTS

City Clerk/Treasurer, Sherrie Lawson presented the Treasurer's June Financial Report to the Council for review. City Clerk/Treasurer, Sherrie Lawson reported a total Meade Co RECC Collections for June of \$33,006.39. There were 2 City Stickers sold during June, and the total for the year (Oct-June) was 258. There were 5 Business Licenses sold during the month of June and 67 Business Licenses sold for the year (Oct-June).

June Overtime Report: Total Hours: 65:10 hours

City Hall 0 hours, Operation/Maintenance 21:28 hours, Waste/Water 0 hours and Police Department 43:42 hours. Total Overtime for the Year 434:50 hours.

We had a quorum for the June 23rd Special Called meeting and approved the FY26 Budget and the FY25 Budget Amendment. The depot was rented out four times during the month of June. We worked on completing the fiscal year-end and prepared for the audit and new budget year by rotating the files, updating the new health insurance and retirement rates just to name a few projects.

BUSINESS LICENSE APPROVAL

Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman moved to approve the three new business licenses as submitted by City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson: Sarah & Group Reality, Re/Max Integrity, and S&S Construction. Councilman, Billy Snyder seconded. All members present voting aye. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

Public Works Superintendent, Chris Lucas stated that they had put in a new septic tank on Union Street, and pumped one septic tank. They've been mowing and spraying for weeds. They repaired two water leaks and picked up trash on the roads. After Horizon Tank Inspection found a leak in the glass water tank, Lucas met with Bluegrass Engineer, Paul Reynold to discuss a temporary repair solution of the tank. However, the inspection of the tank indicated the need to conduct a full rehabilitation in the next year or so.

CEDAR HILL CEMETERY

Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas reported that four plots had been purchased this month.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Police Chief, Jason Ballman was absent.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief, Jeremy Hougland stated that the fire department had responded to a total of 24 runs: 18 medical, 2 structure fires, 2 motor vehicle accident, 1 assisted utility company and 1 fire alarm. On the purchase of the new building, Hougland stated that he had met with two separate environmental consultants in order to obtain quotes for a Phase I Environmental Study of the Frymire property. After some discussion, the fire department decided to go with David Edward, PE to conduct the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment at a cost of \$1,950.00. The assessment should be completed in approximately three to four weeks. Chief Hougland added that the fire department attended the fireworks show at the Eva Carman Park which was a huge success.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

Park Manager, Joe Drake was absent. City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson stated that Drake had picked up the flags and installed them at the Veteran's Memorial Park before the holiday.

VANCE SIMMONS PARK

Park Manager, Joe Drake was absent.

EVA CARMAN PARK

Park Manager, William Ditto stated that the firework show on June 28th was spectacular. Both the Fire Department and Police Department had a presence at the event. The Fire Department gave out Fire Fighter Hats to the children in attendance. Midnight Madness was in charge of setting the fireworks off during the event. State Representative, Josh Calloway posted pictures of the fireworks show on his face book page. Ditto added that there was about 1200 residents who either attended or parked where they could watch the show. Mayor Lucas stated that he had arranged for the city employees to work with volunteers on Saturday, July 12th installing the playground equipment at the park. Councilman, Young asked about having security lights installed at the park. Mayor Lucas added that he would check on the price.

VISITORS REQUEST AND COMMENTS

Since no one had signed in to comment, Mayor Lucas asked if anyone had something to add to the meeting. Kara Lucas inquired about internet at Eva Carman Park. Mayor Lucas stated that we had checked into it but it had been a while. He added that he would check on it again.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Maintenance Project Bids: City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson asked Attorney, Luke Babb since no one had submitted any bids for the repairs on the city projects could the city just call some contractors? The insurance company had called today asking about any quotes on the property and added that they need two quotes for each building. City Attorney, Luke Babb stated yes.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Nuisances Ordinance Amendment Discussion: After much discussion, the Council agreed to amend the Nuisances Ordinance and changed the length of time a resident had to mow tall grass from 30 days to 15 days. Mayor Lucas stated that he would type the amendment for the next meeting.
- B. Certificates of Deposit, First State Bank: City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson informed the Council that there were three Certificates of Deposit that would mature on July 23rd at First State Bank. She added that she would like to cash them in and deposit them into the Fire Department's account to be used for the purchase of the property. If the revenues are not used for the purchase of the property, then she would invest the revenues in new certificates of deposit at the current rates. She would call and get the best rates from both local banks before reinvesting. After some discussion, Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman moved to authorize City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson and Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas to withdraw the certificates of deposit, deposit the revenues into the fire department checking account or reinvest in new certificates of deposit. Councilman, Jonathan Mattingly seconded. All members present voting aye,

ANNOUNCEMENT

The next Code Enforcement Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 6:00 pm ET at Irvington City Hall.

Kid's Fest is scheduled for August 3rd from 4:00 to 6:00 pm ET at the Lincoln Trail Christian Church.

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 8:04 pm ET.

CHARLES DOUGLAS LUCAS, MAYOR

ATTEST _____
SHERRIE LAWSON, CITY CLERK/TREASURER