

IRVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
109 W Caroline St. Irvington, KY 40146
Regular Meeting
MINUTES
March 2, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: REGULAR MEETING

Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 pm ET. Prayer was led by Councilman, Robert Young, III followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Council Members present included: Billy Synder, Jonathan Smith, Rhea Ballman, Joey Medley, Chance Peterson and Robert Young III. Member absent included: City Attorney, Luke Babb. Others present included: City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson and Ints Kampars with WXBC.

PRESENTATION: BLUEGRASS ENGINEERING

Bluegrass Engineer, Paul Reynolds was unable to attend the meeting.

MINUTES: FEBRUARY 2, 2026

Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman moved to approve the February 2nd, Regular 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 February Financial Report to the Council for review. City Clerk/Treasurer, Sherrie Lawson reported that a total of \$43,027.37 was collected for Meade Co. RECC during February. There were three (3) new business licenses purchased during the month of February: Greg Hale, LLC, French Truck Repair and Brooks Contracting LLC. Councilman, Billy Snyder moved to approve the new business licenses, and Councilman, Jonathan Smith seconded. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

February Overtime Report: Total Hours: 160:32 hours

City Hall 0 hours, Operation/Maintenance 63:32 hours, Waste/Water 24 hours and Police Department 73 hours. Total Overtime for the Year 205:54 hours. Police Department 110:55, Operation/Maintenance 70:59, City Hall 0, and Wastewater 24:00 hrs.

Our FY2024 Audit is almost finished and may be presented at the next meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Public Works Superintendent, Chris Lucas stated that they had completed the work at the Ater Heights Pump Station with the installation of 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 removing the snow removal equipment.

CEDAR HILL CEMETERY:

Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas stated that Sanders Construction, LLC would start the repairs on the cross as soon as weather permitted.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT:

Assistant Police Chief, Dan McCubbin stated that the Irvington Baptist Church was hosting a fund raiser for the Irvington Police Department on Saturday, March 7th beginning at 12:00 pm ET. Pastor Young was preparing the bar-b-que for the meal and a silent auction was also scheduled. Everyone was invited to come out and enjoy the festivities.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief, Jeremy Hougland was unable to attend because he was in military training.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL:

Park Manager, Joe Drake stated that he had ordered new flags for the flag poles this year.

VANCE SIMMONS PARK:

Park Manager, Joe Drake asked about burning the brush pile at the park. After some discussion, he was instructed to contact dispatch for the current burning rules. He also wanted to know if the concrete pile could be disposed of or moved from the park.

EVA CARMAN PARK:

Park Manager, William Ditto stated that an Easter Egg Hunt was scheduled for March 28th from 12:00 to 2:00 pm ET at the Park. Everyone was invited to come out for the festivities.

VISITORS REQUEST AND COMMENTS:

Bruce Basham addressed the Council about a citation that he had received from the City of Irvington. He added that since he had received the first letter, he had been trying to clean up his property. However, he had not contacted anyone at City Hall about the matter. He still had a lot to do before he would be finished. He thought he was making progress until he received the citation. Mayor Lucas stated that he had been out of the office for two weeks and did not approve the citations being mailed. After some discussion, Councilwoman Rhea Ballman moved to dismiss all the citations that were sent out in February due to a lack of proper approval from Mayor Lucas. Councilman, Joey Medley seconded. Mayor Lucas called for a roll call vote with Council Members: Billy Snyder, Jonathan Smith, Rhea Ballman, Chance Peterson, Joey Medley and Robert Young III all voting aye. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. 2nd 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 to SECTION 10, the penalty section, and SECTION 6, the filing requirements section of the ordinance in its entirety. Councilman, Robert Young III made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-01-01 as read. Councilman, Billy Snyder seconded. All members present voting aye. Motion carried
- B. 2nd 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 Member position of the City of Irvington, Kentucky in its entirety. Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman moved to approve Ordinance 2026-01-08 as read. Councilman, Robert Young III seconded. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
- C. 2nd 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. Councilman, Billy Snyder moved to approve Ordinance 2026-01-06 as read. Councilman, Robert Young III seconded. Five (5) Council Members voting aye. Councilman, Joey Medley voting nay. Motion carried five (5) to one (1).
- D. 2nd 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. Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman moved to approve Ordinance 2026-01-03 as read. Councilman, Robert Young III seconded. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

- E. 2nd 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. Councilman, Billy Snyder moved to approve Ordinance 2026-01-05 as read. Councilman, Robert Young III seconded. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Paving List: Mayor Lucas stated that Public Works Superintendent, Chris Lucas submitted three (3) city streets to be blacktopped this year: Johnson Street, North Fifth between Union and Lake, Michelle Way. After some discussion, East Caroline Street from Highway 79 to 3rd Street was added to the list.
- B. Fire Brush Truck Bid: The fire department received one bid on the 1992 Ford Brush Truck from Joseph Stout in the amount of \$1,000.00. Mayor Lucas stated that since Fire Chief Hougland was not in attendance, he would speak on his behalf. Mayor Lucas informed the council that Chief Hougland wanted approximately \$5,000.00 for the truck. After some discussion, Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman moved to reject the bid from Joseph Stout in the amount of \$1,000.00. Councilman, Chance Peterson seconded. Mayor Lucas called for a vote on the motion. All members present vote aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

- A. Mayor Lucas announced that City Attorney, Luke Babb became the proud father of a new baby boy. Congratulations Luke and family!
- B. The next Code Enforcement Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18th at 6:00 pm ET at Irvington City Hall.
- C. Fire Department Spring Festival is scheduled for May 23rd from 8:00 to 5:00 ET at the Irvington Elementary School.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Lucas read a proclamation proclaiming March 23, 2026 as Mrs. Joyce "Joy" Hayse day in recognition and honor of Mrs. Hayse commemorating her 100th Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilman, Billy Snyder moved to adjourn this meeting. Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 pm ET.

CHARLES DOUGLAS LUCAS, MAYOR

ATTEST _____
SHERRIE LAWSON, CITY CLERK/TREASURER