

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm EDT. Prayer was led by Pastor, David Buckham followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Council Members present included: Robert Young III, Rhea Ballman, Jonathan Mattingly, Joey Medley, and Billy Synder. Others present included: City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson, City Attorney, Luke Babb and Ints Kampars with WXBC. Councilman, Jonathan Smith arrived late.

Mayor Lucas opened the meeting with an explanation to the delay in the trash pickup during the months of January and February. Due to the severe weather, it was too dangerous for the sanitation department to be able to maneuver their trucks on the city streets and the landfill was also closed as well. However, several residents had posted some derogatory commits on the City's Facebook page which was originally set-up to be informative about delays, boil water advisors, up-coming events etc. The Mayor stated that the comment section of the City's Facebook page had been discontinued. He further encouraged the residents to contact City Hall to update their contact and phone number on their account so that they can receive sanitation scheduling changes directly. Also, if anyone had concerns or complaints, they could fill out the proper form at City Hall during normal business hours.

PRESENTATION: BLUEGRASS ENGINEERING

Paul Reynolds presented the last pay request in the amount of \$761.54 from the service line replacement project for signatures and that project would be complete. He further stated that the Lon Dowell Water Main Extension Project was completed and had excess funds available to cover the water tower repairs and still had another \$33,238.27 remaining to be utilized. He was going to ask the State Division of Water if the remaining funds could be used for manhole relining through G&W Construction. In conclusion, Reynolds added that the City of Irvington had \$1,174,000 committed in grant funds, with an additional request in the amount of \$475,000 to still be awarded.

MINUTES: FEBRUARY 3, 2025

Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman made a motion to approve the February 3, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted by City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson and Councilman, Billy Synder seconded. All members present voting aye, motion carried unanimously.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER REPORTS

City Clerk/Treasurer, Sherrie Lawson presented the Treasurer's February Financial Report for the Council's review and the Clerk's report (See attachment for details). City Clerk/Treasurer, Sherrie Lawson reported a total Meade Co RECC Collections for February of \$47,893.22. There were 120 City Stickers sold during February, and the total for the year (Oct-Feb) was 173. There were 12 Business Licenses sold during the month of February and 31 Business Licenses sold for the year (Oct-Feb).

We purchased new computers with the window upgrades for each department the total amount was \$4,040.00. The Police Department purchased a new hand-held radio in the amount of \$490.00 for Officer Goodman. The new truck purchased for PD is in the shop, but the repairs are under warranty. The fire department purchased two of nineteen hand-held radios in the amount of \$1,020.00 with several more still to purchase as funds become available. Also, the fire department had additional repairs to engine 44 in the amount of \$2,865.84. Operator, Patrick McFadden slid into a parked car while grading the city streets.

Overtime Report: February Total 45:15 hours:

Office Staff 1:22 hours, Operation/Maintenance 4:35 hours, Waste/Water 1:58 hours and Police Department 38 hours. Total Overtime for the Year 194 hours.

BUSINESS LICENSE APPROVAL

Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman moved, seconded by Councilman, Joey Medley to approve the new business license: Steffer's Produce and Candy Pit. 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 mowing equipment. They also pumped one septic tank and spread salt on the roads before the snow. Lucas submitted two quotes from Alltuck Contracting for the council to review. The first one was a quote to repair the drainage problem on Maple Street with the City providing all the materials except the concrete for the apron in the amount of \$7,500.00. The second one was a quote to repair a septic tank bottom and replace the lid with the City providing all the materials except the concrete in the amount of \$5,300.00. After some discussion, the council agreed to advertise for bids on the projects.

CEDAR HILL CEMETERY

Mayor Lucas reported that the Cemify Cemetery Software was a great investment for locating and marking plots. He further added that no plots had been purchased this month.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Police Chief, Jason Ballman stated that Officer Goodman was on medical leave due to the arrival of his first daughter. Officer McCubbin was at training and a couple of PD's vehicles were being repaired.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Hougland stated that the Spring Festival scheduled for May 10th will be held in a different location this year 103 US Highway 60 everyone was encourage to come out and support the Festival. The proceeds from the Festival will help support the Crusade for Children. He further added that all the trucks are in good operating condition. They had some members in emergency medical training. He added that more and more of their calls are for medical situation.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

No report.

VANCE SIMMONS PARK

No report.

EVA CARMAN PARK

Park Manager, William Ditto informed everyone about the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Eva G Carman Foundation scheduled for April 12, 2025 beginning at 12:00 pm EDT. He encouraged everyone to come out and support the event.

Ditto explained that he had been looking for used commercial grade playground equipment and finally found some for the city to purchase in the amount of \$5,500.00. He submitted pictures of the equipment for the council to review. Mayor Lucas added that William Ditto along with volunteers had made plans to pick the equipment up and assemble it as soon as the weather permitted up.

VISITORS REQUEST AND COMMENTS

Mayor Lucas stated that Former Mayor, Yvonne Kennedy had signed in to address the council. He explained the two minute rule to Mrs. Kennedy before turning the floor over to her. Mrs. Kennedy stated that she was concerned about the city allowing chickens within the city limits. She believed that chicken coops and chickens within the city neighborhoods would devalue the surrounding properties. She further added that she had started a petition against allowing chickens in the city which already had twenty-nine (29) signatures on it for the council to review and place in the city's records. Mayor Lucas thanked Mrs. Kennedy for her comments.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance 2025-03-01: An Ordinance Amending The City Of Irvington Kentucky Code Of Ordinances To Allow Chickens Within The City Limits And Ordinance Compliance Requirements. Mayor Lucas read the ordinance in its entirety to the council and everyone present for the meeting. After some discussion, Mayor Lucas set the date of March 19, 2025 at 7:00 pm EDT for a special called meeting to have second reading of the ordinance.
- B. Surplus: 2011 Crown Victoria
Since no Bids were received on the 2011 Crown Victoria, the council requested to advertise again for bids. Mayor Lucas added that bids for the surplus vehicle and quotes for the two projects that Public Works Director, Chris Lucas submitted all would be advertised and opened at the March 19, 2025 Special Called Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman asked about the proposed business license fee that had been discussed during the previous term. She would like for the council to consider a business license fee of 1.5% on gross profits and City Attorney, Luke Babb to look into the matter for the council. No action was taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The next Code Enforcement Board meeting is scheduled for March 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, Robert Young III seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35 pm EDT.

CHARLES DOUGLAS LUCAS, MAYOR

ATTEST _____
SHERRIE LAWSON, CITY CLERK/TREASURER