

IRVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
109 W Caroline St. Irvington, KY 40146
Regular Meeting
MINUTES
May 4, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: REGULAR MEETING

Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm ET. Prayer was led by Pastor, Tim Lucas from Irvington Baptist Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Council Members present included: Rhea Ballman, Joey Medley, Chance Peterson and Robert Young III. Members absent included: Billy Snyder, Jonathan Smith and 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.

BIDS: FIRE DEPARTMENT BRUSH TRUCK

City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson stated that she was not given the bid on the truck when it was turned in to the office. The submitter requested that it be given to the Mayor or placed on his desk. Since the bid could not be located, Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas scheduled a special called meeting for May 7th at 7:00 pm ET. This would allow the submitter of the bid to resubmit.

MINUTES: APRIL 6, 2026

Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman moved to approve the April 6th, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted by City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson. Councilman, Chance Peterson seconded. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER REPORTS:

City Clerk/Treasurer, Sherrie Lawson presented the Treasurer's April Financial Report to the Council for review. City Clerk/Treasurer, Sherrie Lawson reported that a total of \$32,514.56 was collected for Meade Co. RECC during April. There were five (5) new business licenses purchased: Kentucky Land II, Daw Properties, Lancaster Lawn & Landscaping, Cundiff's Rentals and Cundiff's Lawncare. Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman moved to approve the new business licenses. Councilman, Robert Young III seconded. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

April Overtime Report: Total Hours: 106:02 hours

City Hall 0 hours, Operation/Maintenance 4:35 hours, Waste/Water 0.27 mins and Police Department 101 hours. Total Overtime for the Year 397:09 hours. Police Department 290 hrs., Operation/Maintenance 80:59 hrs., City Hall 2 hr., and Waste/Water 24:10 hrs. The auditors have scheduled their on-site visit for May. The painting and remodeling project started April 3rd and was completed on April 24th.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Public Works Superintendent, Chris Lucas stated they had repaired two water leaks and picked up trash on the roads. Also, they have started mowing grass, weed eating and spraying for weeds. C&C Portables pumped two septic tanks this month.

CEDAR HILL CEMETERY:

Mayor Lucas explained that the electrical repairs were completed, and the Cross was working perfectly.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT:

Police Chief, Jason Ballman stated that Assistant Chief, Dan McCubbin had returned to work. He explained that the huge amount of overtime was due to a shortage of man power. With Officer McCubbin being off sick and Johnny Drake attending the academy for the next several weeks, it was impossible not to have overtime.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief, Jeremy Hougland was unable to attend the meeting. Assistant Chief, Jason Ballman informed the Council that the new front door had been installed and the roof repaired. Mayor Lucas had started painting the outside of the building with the help of the fire department volunteers. Mayor Lucas added that the volunteers had jack-hammered out the old concrete slab from in front of the building which was falling apart. Once removed they installed new landscaping rock. All the projects gave the fire department a much-needed makeover.

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 stated that the Girl Scouts' Troop #4419 had planted flowers around the sign at the park, and everyone appreciated their hard work. He further added that May 27th was Eva Carman Day which would be celebrated on Saturday, May 30th. A community picnic was scheduled for June 6th beginning at 12:00 noon ET. The Fireworks Show was scheduled for June 27th beginning at 4:00 pm ET. He encouraged everyone to come out for the celebrations.

VISITORS REQUEST AND COMMENTS:

Debbie Robinson addressed the council about the request to change the name of W. Kentucky Street to Lucas Street in memory of Charles and Edna Lucas. She added that she was not being disrespectful to the Lucas family but changing the name would cause problems for the residents. She submitted a petition signed by the residents of W. Kentucky Street opposing the name change due to unnecessary costs, confusion, and disruption without sufficient justification. After some discussion, the council agreed not to pursue the request.

Steve Davis addressed the council about the city easement adjacent his property at 301 South 3rd Street. He added that the easement wasn't used regularly and wanted to know if the city would donate it to him and his neighbor Jason Ballman. Public Works Superintendent, Chris Lucas stated that the easement was there for the City's utility lines which ran the length of the property.

Melissa Metcalfe addressed the council about purchasing some property from the city. Mayor Lucas stated that the property would have to be surveyed. Then the city would have to take bids before actually selling the property.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Interlocal Cooperation Agreement: Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas read the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Breckinridge County and the City of Irvington in its entirety to the council. Councilwoman Rhea Ballman, moved to enter into and authorize Mayor Lucas to sign the agreement on behalf of the council. Councilman, Robert Young III seconded. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
- B. Resolution, Municipal Aid Co-op Program Contract: Mayor Charles Douglas Lucas read the resolution adopting and approving the execution of a Municipal Aid Co-op Program Contract between the Incorporated City and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet to the council in its entirety. After some discussion, Mayor Lucas called for a roll call vote. Council Members, Rhea Ballman, Joey Medley, Robert Young III and Chance Peterson voted aye. Council Members Billy Snyder and Jonathan Smith were absent. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. 1st Reading of Ordinance 2026-01-07: Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas read Ordinance 2026-01-07, an ordinance repealing, replacing and combining all other nuisance ordinances in its entirety.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2026-04-01: Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas read Ordinance 2026-04-01, an ordinance annexing territory located on the northerly side of US-60 near Irvington, into the City in its entirety to the Council. Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman moved to approve the ordinance as read. Councilman, Rhobert Young III seconded. All member present voted aye.
- B. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2026-01-04: Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas read Ordinance 2026-01-04, an ordinance establishing the regulation of solicitation and solicitors in its entirety. Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman moved to approve the ordinance as read, and Councilman, Joey Medley seconded. Motion carried.
- C. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2026-01-02: Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas read Ordinance 2026-01-02, an ordinance establishing a non-exclusive franchise and fee on towing services in its entirety. Councilman, Robert Young III moved to approve the ordinance as read, and Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman seconded. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASH LAW:

Councilman, Robert Young III stated that he had had some issues with an animal this past month. He passed out Ordinance 2006-10-01 for the council members to review before the next meeting. He added that this was a reoccurring problem.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET:

Mayor Lucas submitted a preliminary budget to the council to review and stated that he would be scheduling a budget workshop.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

- A. The next Code Enforcement Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20th 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 8:42 pm ET.

CHARLES DOUGLAS LUCAS, MAYOR

ATTEST _____
SHERRIE LAWSON, CITY CLERK/TREASURER