

IRVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
109 W CAROLINE ST. IRVINGTON, KY 40146
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 2, 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 Police Chief, Jason Ballman followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Council Members present included: Robert Young III, Rhea Ballman, Joey Medley, Jonathan Mattingly and Billy Synder. Council Members absent included: Jonathan Smith and City Attorney, Luke Babb. Others present included: City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson and Ints Kampars with WXBC.

MINUTES: AUGUST 4th REGULAR AND AUGUST 25th SPECIAL CALLED

Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman made a motion to approve the August 4th Regular and August 25th Special Called Meeting Minutes as submitted by City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson. Councilman, Billy Snyder seconded. All members present voting aye. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER REPORTS:

City Clerk/Treasurer, Sherrie Lawson presented the Treasurer's August Financial Report to the Council for review. City Clerk/Treasurer, Sherrie Lawson reported that a total of \$47,188.43 was collected for Meade CO RECC during August. There was one Business Licenses renewal sold during the month of August and 68 Business Licenses were sold for the year (Oct-Aug).

August Overtime Report: Total Hours: 77:05 hours

City Hall :58 mins, Operation/Maintenance 37:17 hours, Waste/Water :30 hours and Police Department 39 hours. Total Overtime for the Year 587:33 hours.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT:

Public Works Superintendent, Chris Lucas stated that they have been mowing, spraying for weeds and cutting out more of the over grown cane. They repaired two water leaks, installed 6 new water meters and picked up trash on the roads. Lucas reminded the Council that a tree located at 610 West Maple Street was dead and needed to be removed, and one on the alley between North First and North Second behind the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. After some discussion, Mayor Lucas asked Superintendent, Lucas to call and schedule for both trees to be removed.

CEDAR HILL CEMETERY:

Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas stated that two plots were sold this month.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT:

Police Chief, Jason Ballman stated that the police department was currently interviewing for a full-time officer since Officer Jackson had resigned. However, Tyler Mitcham had been hired as a temporary full-time officer for approximately three months.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief, Jeremy Hougland stated that the fire department had responded to a total of 15 runs: 8 medical, 2 structure fires, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 1 assist with a gas smell. Chief Hougland added that he was still looking for property for building a new firehouse. He further added that the roof was leaking on the existing building and needed repairs. After some discussion, the Council agreed to advertise for repairs/replacement of the roof. Also, the fire department volunteers would be present at the IES Fall Festival, IES October Fire Safety Week and Cloverport Sacajawea Festival. We hope to see everyone there supporting all the upcoming schedule events.

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 Breckinridge County Democratic Party held the Mary Ann Tobin Memorial Labor Day Picnic on Saturday, August 30th from 5-9 pm ET for the first time. It was such a huge success that the Democratic Party scheduled to hold the event again next year on the last Saturday in August.

VISITORS REQUEST AND COMMENTS:

Beth Harac addressed the council about the restrictions for golf carts/SPV and requested that a driver's license not be required. She explained that she wasn't able to obtain a license due to medical issues. She asked about a medical exemption or some form of identification instead. After some discussion, the Council agreed to review the golf cart ordinance and the SPV KRS186.777.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. 1st Reading Ordinance 2025-04-01 Fire Department Billing: Mayor Lucas read the Ordinance in its entirety to the Council.
- B. Security Lights, Eva Carman Park: Mayor Lucas stated that after RECC evaluated the site they decided that there was no place to install a security light.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. City Hall Quote, Air Conditioning Unit: Mayor Lucas explained that the air conditioning unit at City Hall needed to be replaced. He submitted two quotes for the council to review. After some discussion Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman moved to approve the quote from Oliver's for the installation of a new twin unit in the amount of \$22,000.00. Councilman, Jonathan Mattingly seconded. All Members present voting aye. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. City Hall Quote, Roof Repairs: Mayor Lucas explained that the roof at City Hall had been leaking for a few years and needed to be repair. He submitted a quote for the council's review. After some discussion Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman moved to table the repair. Councilman, Jonathan Mattingly seconded. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
- C. Operation & Maintenance Quote, New Vehicle: Mayor Lucas explained that the Public Works Superintendent, Chris Lucas needed a new vehicle because the motor in his current vehicle had blown-up and repairs would be around \$11,000. Mayor Lucas submitted two quotes for the council to review. After much discussion, Councilman, Robert Young III made a motion to approve the quote received from Coyle Chevrolet for a 2025 Express Van and allow City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson to contact the banks and handle the details of financing the 2025 Chevrolet Express Van for Water and Maintenance. Councilman, Billy Snyder seconded. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

- D. Bounce House Usage Fee: City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson explained that the bounce house was not being properly cleaned after use before it was being stored. She also stated that the city was incurring labor expenses to move, set-up and break-down the bounce house. After much discussion, the Council agreed to charge \$50.00 for a refundable deposit and \$100.00 for the use of the bounce house for events not hosted by the City of Irvington. This does not include public use. Each City Department that uses the bounce house is responsible for the washing and storing after use. Arrangements should be made with the fire chief in order to wash the bounce house at the fire department and once dried be placed in the storage building behind the department. Councilwoman, Rhea Ballman moved to approve a \$50.00 refundable deposit, \$100.00 for the use of the bouncy house and each City Department being responsible for the cleaning and storing after use. Councilman, Billy Snyder seconded. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mayor Lucas announced that the next regular Code Enforcement Board meeting is scheduled for September 17th at 6:00 pm ET. After announcing the next Code Enforcement Board meeting, Mayor Lucas explained that he was removing Harold Parinta as Chairman from the Code Enforcement Board. Harold Parinta had missed several meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilwoman Rhea Ballman moved to adjourn this meeting. Councilman, Billy Snyder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:23 pm ET.

CHARLES DOUGLAS LUCAS, MAYOR

ATTEST _____
SHERRIE LAWSON, CITY CLERK/TREASURER