

IRVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Called Meeting streamed via Facebook Live
Minutes for December 7, 2020 7:00 ET

Due to the Covid-19 (Corona Virus) and orders from Governor Andy Beshear, the December 7, 2020 Regular Called Meeting was held at City Hall and streamed via Facebook Live.

The Regular Called Meeting of the Irvington City Council was called to order by Mayor Yvonne Kennedy. Prayer was by Council Member Bruce Basham followed by the Pledge to the American Flag.

Roll Call – Council Members Bruce Basham, Becky Brown, Nancy Ditto, Susie Pollard, Eric Turner and City Attorney Rachel Brown were present. Pat Logsdon was not present.

MINUTES – Susie Pollard moved to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2020 Regular Meeting via FaceBook Live. Motion was seconded by Nancy Ditto. All council members voted affirmative. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT- The November Treasurer’s report was presented. Council Member Becky Brown inquired on several items and requested a copy of the IT, LLC, Mastercard and Amazon invoices be emailed.

CLERK REPORT – City Clerk Mona Drane reported November RECC collections \$32,721.84, sold 54 city stickers and issued 17 business license. Overtime report = 127 hrs and 3 minutes for November. November activity included collecting property taxes, selling business license and city stickers. Water service was disconnected due to delinquent account beginning November 7. There were 26 residents disconnected and only 7 remain. The Christmas Parade was planned and directed. Some delinquent property taxes were also collected. The second round of Cares Act Funding is now being released. The city is eligible for another \$26,770. Paperwork is almost ready to be submitted for this funding. Mona Drane informed the council many cities were giving back to the community by setting up a grant for the city businesses and resident and recommended the council consider allocating up to \$15,000 for this type of grant. After much discussion, Susie Pollard moved to set aside \$6770 in reserve and to create a grant in the amount of \$20,000 out of the next round of Cares Act Funding to possibly be released in two phases to go to impacted businesses and to residents with a utility credit. Bruce Basham seconded the motion. All council members voted affirmative and the motion carried.

WATER/SEWER REPORT- Maintenance Supervisor Chris Lucas reported the following: Finished mowing grass, been looking for a grave at Cedar Hill Cemetery, hung Christmas wreaths, hooked a new service on W Maple Street, winterized Eva Carman Park Building, had shred day, trim trees out of roads, had 1 water leak on Kim Way, had 2 sewer problems, one on Walnut St., and one at 204 W Maple, cleaned up around shop and recycle property, picked up trash on right of way. A letter will be sent to Jerry Cundiff concerning the sidewalk project. Shade Away Tree Service has cut down the 5 trees so now the sidewalk work in that area can be completed.

CEDAR HILL CEMETERY – Mayor Yvonne Kennedy reported we have been trying to locate a grave at Cedar Hill Cemetery. GPR, a company with a sonar detection machine was hired at the cost of \$1,000. There was too much rock for the sonar to detect properly. A smaller backhoe has been rented to dig in different areas to try to locate the grave. Becky Brown moved to get a survey and plat done of the Cedar Hill Cemetery. Motion was seconded by Susie Pollard. All council members voted in the affirmative and the motion passed. Becky Brown suggested we get a couple quotes on the survey.

POLICE DEPARTMENT-Police Chief Brandon Brinkley submitted a list of 7 items including a Wrecker, Passenger Van, Chev HHR, Boat Cradle, Boat Bridge Erection, Forklift and Street Sweeper for surplus. Becky Brown moved to surplus the items on the list. Motion was seconded by Susie Pollard. All members voted in affirmative. Motion carried. There were 208 calls for service, 66 citations, total charges 146. 10 outstanding warrants, 20 arrests, 1 collision, 2 domestic and 3 courtesy notices issued. They are working with the CAD system to keep more accurate records of Brix' activity. In the last 6 months, he had been used 29 times in addition to times when the handler was on duty. Court is now being conducted online and the department is looking into purchasing new MDTs at approximately \$2500 each. Cares funding is being considered as well as government websites to see if anything is available.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Fire Chief Brian Board reported 13 total calls: 7 EMS, 2 MVA and 4 Fire related. A quote was presented from 911 Fleet and Fire in the amount of \$5060.25. This would repair the system where bottles can be filled. FDSAS quoted replacing the Cascade System from \$45,402.59 to \$47, 843.42 depending on a variance of purchase. A room would also need to be added on for the system. Eric Turner moved to use the Cares funding to repair the system. He then amended his motion to use \$10,000 of Cares money to repair the fill system and complete the Cascade room. Susie Pollard seconded the motion. All council members voted affirmative and the motion carried. It was suggested to see if Webster VFD would make a contribution since they get their bottles filled at Irvington VFD. Engine 44 is out of service due to fire in the electrical board. The police department transferred the Crown Vic to the fire department. Plans have been made for December 19 to drive Santa through the streets of Irvington. The fire department will be hosting a toy and coat drive through Christmas.

VETERANS MEMORIAL- Marty Barksdale hung a new flag at City Hall.

VANCE SIMMONS PARK – The extension paperwork was filed November 20, 2020 with Jessica Hill @ DLG.

EVA CARMAN PARK – Bobby Ray has been busy and has not repaired the wiring at the Eva Carman Park.

CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD – Howard Basham and Charlie Reesor have been sworn in as Code Enforcement Board members. Nancy Ditto moved to appoint Mary Jane Denner to serve on the Code Enforcement Board. Motion was seconded by Susie Pollard. All council members voted affirmative. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

SANITATION BIDS – One bid was received from Red River Waste Solutions. Susie Pollard moved to reject the bid from Red River Waste Solutions and re-advertise the bid to allow for open ended time frame up to 5 years. Motion was seconded by Eric Turner. All council members voted affirmative and the motion carried. Bid specs should include the pick up of one large item per week. The ad is to be run for two weeks. A special called meeting will be set on Dec. 28 to open the bids.

AUDITS – There was some concern on the delay of the audit. Mayor Yvonne Kennedy will contact DLG and the Department of Transportation with these concerns. The 2018 audit is to be done by the end of January, 2021.

PARKING ORDINANCE (STREET CORNER) – City Attorney Rachel Brown reported this issue of parking at street corners is addressed in a current ordinance. Signs may be erected to address the parking issue. This will be relayed to the Code Enforcement Board. Business owners and residents should be notified if parking signs are erected at their location. It was suggested the Assistant City Clerk attend some meetings in the future.

TAX ORDINANCE 2020-12 – City Attorney Rachel Brown read Ordinance 2020-12, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2017-08, AMENDING AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX RATES AND COLLECTION PROCEDURES. Council Member Susie Pollard moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2020-12. Motion was seconded by Eric Turner. A roll call vote was taken with Council Members Bruce Basham, Becky Brown, Nancy Ditto, Susie Pollard and Eric Turner voting affirmative. Pat Logsdon was absent. Motion carried. The second reading will be at the next special called meeting.

NUISANCE ORDINANCE – City Attorney Rachel Brown read AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2013-12 DEFINING NUISANCES, ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR ABATING A NUISANCE, AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS NUISANCE ORDINANCE”. This reading failed, due to a lack of motion.

CITY OFFICIAL ORIENTATION – Orientation will be held virtual on December 17 from 5:30 – 8:00 pm ET.

ZONING CHANGE – Applications have been sent out to begin the process of changing the zoning at the old Irvington Elementary School lot. There has still been some confusion with deliveries on Meadow Drive. A resident on this street will be contacted to remove the incorrect numbers from her mailbox.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Becky Brown moved to give all city employees a one time pay increase of \$200. Motion was seconded by Nancy Ditto. All council members voted affirmative. Motion carried.

Bruce Basham moved to accept the Amended Budget Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Eric Turner. A roll call vote was taken with Bruce Basham, Nancy Ditto and Eric Turner voting “yea” and Becky Brown and Susie Pollard voting “nay”. Pat Logsdon was absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Kennedy thanked the current council members for serving the past two years and read the names of the council elect as follows: Charles Douglas Lucas, Ricky Lucas, Ronnie Robinson, Robert Young III, Bruce Basham and Pat Logsdon.

ADJOURN – Bruce Basham moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Susie Pollard. All council members voted affirmative. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.

Yvonne Kennedy
Mayor

ATTEST

Mona Drane
City Clerk/Treasurer