

IRVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
109 W Caroline St, Irvington, KY 40146
Regular Called Meeting

Minutes for August 7, 2023 7:00 ET

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Mayor Charles Douglas Lucas performed swearing in of Karen Kinnison as a new Council Member, replacing Jane Hettich who recently resigned since she has moved out of the City of Irvington.

The Regular Meeting of the Irvington City Council was called to order by Mayor Charles Douglas Lucas at 7:00 pm ET.

Prayer was by Robert Young, III, followed by the Pledge to the American Flag.

Council Members Billy Snyder, Donald Board, Robert Young III, Karen Kinnison, Charles Poole, and City Attorney Rachel Brown were all present. Council Member Rhea Ballman was not in attendance.

Riley Sumner with Bluegrass Engineering reported the contractor to replace commercial meters in the City with ARPA funds is working in Western Kentucky and plan to finish up end of August. The Sewer Rehab work should start next week around August 14. A request is being made for additional funds of \$23,913 on the KIA Cleaner Water service line project as the bid from ABBICO, the only bidder, came in over the amount of funding. The plan is to lower 90 pushes to 82 to lower the contract amount. The Lon Dowell project is waiting on one easement.

Council Member Robert Young III moved to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2023 Special Called Meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Donald Board. Motion carried by majority vote with all Members present voting yes.

Council Member Robert Young III moved to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2023 Special Called Meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Donald Board. Motion carried by majority vote with all Members present voting yes.

City Clerk/Treasurer Stephen Clark presented the treasurer's July financial reports. There were no questions regarding the reports.

City Clerk/Treasurer Stephen Clark reported a total Meade Co RECC Collections for July - \$32,407.20. There was one duplicate City Sticker sold, 0 Business License renewals and 4 new business license applications.

Council Member Robert Young III moved to approve the 4 new business licenses – Pawleys Wrenchin, Josh Crase Painting Plus, Nutty Acres LLC, and Ervin Cable Construction and was seconded by Council Member Donald Board. Motion carried by majority vote with all Members present voting yes.

Overtime for July – 62 hours 21 minutes. The amount of overtime was mainly due to shortage of officers, requiring the police chief to work more overtime.

A code enforcement board meeting was not scheduled for August. We are currently in the process of setting up a planning and zoning board and are in need of members willing to serve. This board consists of 5 paid board members and will be required to attend training to serve. Jeremy Burnett was appointed at the April 4, 2022 Council meeting to serve on the Planning and Zoning Board and is the only current approved board member to date.

Auditors plan to begin the auditor FY 2021-2022 in August. Kristi is working on planning a document shred day sometime in November. The property tax rate calculations for FY 2023-2024 are completed. A public hearing on the rates and a special called meeting will be scheduled for first reading of the tax ordinance.

Pictures have been sent of damage at the park from the March windstorm to our insurance carrier. Quotes will be obtained on repairs to the buildings at Eva Carman Park and to the back of the Fire Station as soon as possible.

Supervisor Chris Lucas reported the maintenance department had worked on some equipment, listened for service leaks, fogged for mosquitos, picked up trash on the right of way, had three water leaks, had one sewer tank pumped tank, sprayed for weeds, and did some mowing. Lucas also reported to the council the streets that are in need of paving for this year is complete- Union Street, Lake Street, and West Ky Street.

Mayor Lucas reported that Lazarus Cemetery Mapping should be completed on the mapping and plotting of the cemetery.

Police Chief Jason Ballman was not in attendance and Dan McCubbin, assistance police chief reported that new officers James Goodman and Richard Winburn were hired June 29, 2023 and that they are scheduled for the academy beginning September 1, 2023.

Fire Chief Jeremy Hougland spoke on fire, EMS, and MVA runs for the month. He addresses timeframes he will be unavailable during deployment and that Jason Ballman, assistant chief will fill in during his absence. He also addressed the Council about the possibilities of building a new fire station and having blueprints made. There is a building fund paint party fund raiser October 8 at the train depot and a crusade for children car show September 9 at the old coal shoot.

Joe Drake spoke to the Council regarding activities at the City parks. He has been working at the parks and is waiting on a price for rock.

In visitor comments, Richard Rhodes inquired about starting his business as he has obtained a business license. He did not realize he was able to proceed. Susie Pollard attended regarding closure of the alley off US Hwy 60 near her property. Rhonda Bennett was here to speak on her concerns regarding the Police Department.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

Mayor Lucas introduced and read to Council a letter of recommendation by the engineer to enter into a contract with ABBICO Contracting on Round 2 KIA funding – new meter and service line replacement project change order reducing the contract amount to be in line with funding. Council Member Donald Board made a motion to approve. Council Member Billy Snyder seconded the motion. Motion carried by majority vote with all Members voting yes.

Mayor Lucas has been approached by some requesting they be allowed to have chickens in the City. The current ordinance does not allow poultry in the City limits. It was decided to table any action to allow for more discussion.

Mayor Lucas has been approached by some requesting that the City allow four wheelers, side by side UTVs, etc on City street. The current ordinance does not address them being allowed in the City limits. It was decided to table any action to allow for more discussion.

Mayor Lucas has been approached with a requesting that the City pave the walking trail at Vance Simmons Park and an unsolicited bid was submitted in the amount of \$5,429.00 from Ricky Lucas. The Council discussed and decided other things more important need to be addressed first at the parks.

Mayor Lucas has been approached by City resident Susie Pollard about the closure of an alley adjoining her property. It is unsure if it has been closed already but the Council is in favor of proceeding with the closure. The necessary paperwork will be obtained and the closure, if not already done, will be addressed at a future meeting.

The setting of the property rates and the need for a public hearing was discussed. Stephen Clark City Clerk presented the tax rate calculations to view and discuss. A public hearing was scheduled for August 28, 2023 at 6:30 ET for public comment, with a special called meeting to follow at 7:00 ET for first reading of tax ordinance.

The next regular meeting of the Council is scheduled for September 4, 2023. Since that is a holiday, the Council decided to move the date of the meeting to a special called meeting on September 11, 2023 at 7:00 ET.

As there was no further business, Council Member Robert Young III moved to adjourn. Council Member Charles Poole seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous consent and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 pm ET.

Charles Douglas Lucas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephen Clark, City Clerk/Treasurer