

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

Minutes for February 6, 2023 7:00 ET

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.

Mayor Charles Douglas Lucas introduced himself as well as the Council Members.

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

Sammy Lee, CPA presented the 2021 Audit Report. Council Member Billy Snyder moved to accept the FY2021 Audit Report. Motion was seconded by Rhea Ballman. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Riley Sumner with Bluegrass Engineering reported the meter replacement project is to begin soon. The estimated time to complete is 6-8 weeks. A request had been sent to KIA to change the funding of \$443,000 for the Lon Dowell Road Extension to replace old water lines in the city. KIA responded these funds were to be used from the Cleaner Water Act to service more residents and they were not in favor of changing the direction of the funding. They will reconsider and let us know the final determination. We are waiting for a response on the Sewer Lift Station from LTADD. This should be coming soon and then the bidding process will begin. It was discussed that ARPA funds of \$283,000.00 will be used for meter replacement. Contractor will start in the next few weeks. There was discussion on how to use the additional \$239,135.00 KIA round 2 funds.

Council Member Donald Board moved to use the \$239,135.00 KIA round 2 funds for service line replacement. Motion was seconded by Council Member Jane Hettich. Motion carried by majority vote with all Members voting yes.

Council Member Rhea Ballman moved to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2023 Regular Meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Jane Hettich. Motion carried by majority vote with all Members voting yes. There were no minutes from the January 23, 2023 Special Called Meeting as there was no quorum.

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

City Clerk/Treasurer Stephen Clark reported a total Meade Co RECC Collections for January - \$42,176.21. There were 80 City Stickers sold, 7 Business License renewals and 0 new business license applications. Overtime for January – 96 hours 32 minutes. The amount of overtime was due to 2 less officers. Also, we are currently in the process of setting up a planning and zoning board. This board consists of 5 paid board members. They are required to attend training. The code enforcement board may need new members. We have received \$6,000.00 from Breckinridge County Fiscal Court to be used for Irvington City Park program support.

Supervisor Chris Lucas reported the maintenance department had picked up trash on the right of way, worked on equipment due to inclement weather and spread salt, pumped one tank on Walnut Street, listened to some services to find water leaks, had 1 water leak, and worked on some graves at Cedar Hill Cemetery. The upcoming projects were mentioned to the new council members.

Mayor Lucas reported that after last month's discussion of the need for plot mapping at Cedar Hill Cemetery, he was able to obtain a quote for mapping of the cemetery from Lazarus Cemetery mapping. After some discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Billy Snyder to select Lazarus Cemetery Mapping to map and plot the entire cemetery at a cost of \$9,495.00. Motion was seconded by Council Member Rhea Ballman. Motion carried by majority vote with all Members voting yes.

Irvington Police Department reported a total of 135 Calls for Service in January. A detailed list was given to the council. Police Chief Josh Jackson submitted his resignation earlier that day effective immediately. Officer Jason Ballman presented the report. After discussion by Mayor Lucas of the current situation with the Irvington Police Department consisting of one officer, Council Member Billy Snyder made a motion to hire Jason Ballman as Police Chief. Motion was seconded by Council Member Robert Young III. Council Member Rhea Ballman abstained. Council Members Billy Snyder, Robert Young III, and Donald Board voted yes and Council Member Jane Hettich voted no. Motion carried by majority vote.

Fire Chief Jeremy Hougland reported 31 total runs for January, 20 EMS and 11 Fires. There are 4 people registered for Dixie Fire School in March. Engine 44 is back form Nichole Fire and Fleet and will hopefully be back in service by the end of the week. Fire Chief Houghland also reported that the department would not be applying for the AFG grant this year.

There were no reports for Vance Simmons Park or Eva Carman Park.

The Code Enforcement Board did not meet in January. Members Troy Simpson and William Ditto are considering being on the Planning and Zoning Board.

There were no visitor comments or reports.

Old Business:

City Attorney Rachel Brown read second reading of Ordinance 2023-1 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-13 RELATING TO FIRE INSPECTIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF IRVINGTON, KY. Council Member Rhea Ballman made a motion to amend the ordinance as read. Council Member Donald Board seconded the motion. Motion carried by majority vote with all Members voting yes.

City Attorney Rachel Brown also reported that the adjoining landowners now do not want to close Oak Street between Center Street and the Vance Simmons Park and would like to see it maintained. Therefore, no action was taken to close that portion of Oak Street.

New Business:

Mayor Lucas introduced Stephen Clark as the new City Clerk/Treasurer. Council Member Rhea Ballman made a motion to approve Stephen Clark as Irvington City Clerk/Treasurer. Council Member Jane Hettich seconded the motion. Motion carried by majority vote with all Members voting yes.

City Attorney Rachel Brown read first reading of Ordinance 2023-2 AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE. The second reading and vote will take place at a future meeting.

There was a discussion for consideration of cashing in some Certifications of Deposit that draw little interest to pay off higher interest debt and use in the related checking accounts. The CDs considered for cashing will pay the balance on Engine 44 at the Cecilian Bank and pay down the debt on the 2020 Dodge Durango. Council Member Jane Hettich made a motion to approve cashing in the CDs for the related accounts to payoff engine 44 and pay down the debt on the 2020 Dodge Durango. Donald Board seconded the motion. Motion carried by majority vote with all Members voting yes.

Mayor Lucas read first reading of Ordinance 2022-10.1 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE AMENDED FY 2023 BUDGET. The second reading and vote will take place at a future meeting.

Mayor Lucas discussed the renewal contract for City Attorney Rachel Brown and that it had been signed by the Mayor and the City Attorney.

There is a need for updates to signature cards at First State Bank and the Cecilian Bank. Council Member Rhea Ballman made a motion to approve Charles D. Lucas, Stephen Clark, and Kristie Taul to sign checks on all accounts at First State Bank and the Cecilian Bank and to approve Charles D. Lucas, Stephen Clark, Kristie Taul, Jeremy Hougland, and Jason Ballman to sign checks on the Cecilian Bank Fire Department accounts. Council Member Billy Snyder seconded the motion. Motion carried by majority vote with all Members voting yes.

Mayor Lucas informed the council that a special called meeting will need to be held in February to approve the February 6, 2023 regular meeting minutes in order to change the names on the bank signature cards. The meeting date will be announced at a later time.

As there was no further business, Council Member Rhea Ballman moved to adjourn. Council Member Robert Young III seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous consent and the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm ET.

Charles Douglas Lucas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephen Clark, City Clerk/Treasurer