

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

**Minutes for January 3, 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 Pastor Robert Young, Jr. with the First Baptist Church, 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, Charles Poole, Donald Board, Robert Young III and City Attorney Rachel Brown were all present.

Council Member Robert Young III moved to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2022 Regular Meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Rhea Ballman. Motion carried by majority vote.

City Clerk/Treasurer Mona Drane presented the treasurer's report and stated the importance of reviewing these reports.

City Clerk/Treasurer Mona Drane reported a total Meade Co RECC Collections for December - \$41,834.08. There were 42 City Stickers sold, 9 Business License renewals and 1 new business license applications for Fluent Solar. Council Member Rhea Ballman moved to approve the business license for Fluent Solar. Motion was seconded by Council Member Billy Snyder. Motion carried by majority vote. Overtime for December – 199 hours 55 minutes. The excessive overtime was due to a 5-week payroll period, 2 less officers and other employees taking sick leave and vacation.

City Clerk Mona Drane reported Sammy Lee was near completion of the FY2021 Audit. The recent surplus auction yielded \$12,882. The first check from the Opioid Settlement was received in the amount of \$3033.25. The settlement will be paid out over 18 years. City Officials Academy is in January and reservations need to be made before January 7.

Supervisor Chris Lucas reported the maintenance department had picked up trash on the right of way, worked on a problem at the plant clarifier drive, done welding on a couple trailers, listened to some services to find water leaks, had 1 sewer problem, worked on some graves at Cedar Hill Cemetery and had 2 water leaks. The upcoming projects were mentioned to the new council members.

Mayor Lucas reported he would continue to look for gates for the cemetery entrances. Former Mayor Yvonne Kennedy told the council she had been advised to call St. Romuald office for information on getting a new cemetery plot map done. Mayor Lucas will get a quote.

Police Chief Josh Jackson reported a total of 103 Calls for Service in December and 1,915 for the year 2022. A detailed list was given to the council. Police Chief Jackson invited the council members to ride along with them some day.

Fire Chief Jeremy Hougland reported 14 total runs for December, 9 EMS and 5 Fires. Total for 2022 was 214 EMS and 109 Fires. Mutual Aid was given to area departments 39 times and was received 8 times. The first engine is out of service due to leaks. Nicholas Fire and Fleet is to submit a quote on the cost of repairs. The fire department now has two additional fire inspectors. Two more volunteers will go to the January training. Currently, three volunteers are certified fire inspectors. Plans are being made to seek funding for the standby crew and a new building. Recruiting is a problem for many fire departments. Fire Chief Hougland invited the council to visit the Irvington Fire Department. The updated Roster was presented to council. Council Member Billy Snyder moved to approve the roster and the motion was seconded by Council Member Jane Hettich. Motion carried by majority vote.

The prices for memorial stones at Veteran's Memorial Park are now \$75 each.

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

The Code Enforcement Board did not meet in December due to a lack of quorum. Troy Simpson and William Ditto are considering being on the Planning and Zoning Board.

Visitor Comments – Bruce Basham welcomed the new mayor and council and asked Mayor Lucas to see if signs could be placed specifying the center lane on Hwy 60 as a turn lane only. Mayor Lucas will contact the Highway Department.

Ronnie Board addressed the council to see what he is to do with rock and soil from the cemetery during the wet season. He is unable to dump at the usual location while the ground is saturated. Mayor Lucas will let him know in a couple days.

In Old Business, City Attorney Rachel Brown reported she had sent letters to adjoining landowners to close Oak Street between Center Street and the Vance Simmons Park. Council Member Rhea Ballman requested an ordinance to establish an Assistant Police Chief position. City Attorney read Ordinance 2023-1 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-13 RELATING TO FIRE INSPECTIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF IRVINGTON, KY. The second reading and vote will take place at the next meeting.

In New Business, City Clerk Mona Drane informed the mayor and council a special called meeting will need to be held in January after vacant positions are filled 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 Billy Snyder seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous consent and the meeting was adjourned.

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Charles Douglas Lucas, Mayor

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Mona Drane, City Clerk/Treasurer