

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

Minutes for March 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.

Council Members Billy Snyder, Jane Hettich, Rhea Ballman, Donald Board, Robert Young III, Charles Poole, and City Attorney Rachel Brown were all present.

Riley Sumner with Bluegrass Engineering reported the meter replacement project is to begin soon with a meeting planned tomorrow with Ferguson Waterworks on the install. The progress on the Lift Station project is waiting on an approval within the state to continue to move forward. There is interest on the Meade County side regarding water line extension project on Lon Dowell Road. Council Member Jane Hettich suggested using door hangers for the water meter replacement project. It will be announced on Facebook to inform residents of the change out process.

Council Member Robert Young III moved to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2023 Regular Meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Rhea Ballman. Motion carried by majority vote with all Members voting yes. Council Member Robert Young III moved to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2023 Special Called Meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Rhea Ballman. Motion carried by majority vote with all Members voting yes.

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

City Clerk/Treasurer Stephen Clark reported a total Meade Co RECC Collections for February - \$48,877.87. There were 177 City Stickers sold, 1 replacements sticker issued, 6 Business License renewals and 2 new business license applications.

Council Member Donald Board moved to approve the 2 new business licenses for Brackner's Best and Fackler's Plumbing LLC. Motion was seconded by Council Member Jane Hettich. Motion carried by majority vote with all Members voting yes.

Overtime for February – 134 hours 14 minutes. The amount of overtime was due to shortage of officers, requiring the police chief to work more overtime.

A regular meeting of the code enforcement board was scheduled Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6 pm ET but there was not enough board members in attendance for a quorum. 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.

The auditor is scheduled to begin the FY 2021-2022 audit March 16, 2023. Work has begun on the FY 2023-2024 budget and a draft should be ready to present by the May regular council meeting. Quotes on health, property, liability, and workers compensation insurance will be available late April early May.

City Attorney Rachel Brown advised the council of the process of selecting a presiding officer among the council in the absence of the mayor if an issue arose where the Mayor may not be able to attend a meeting in an emergency.

Supervisor Chris Lucas reported the maintenance department had picked up trash on the right of way, had two sewer problems and pumped both tanks, worked on mowing equipment getting ready for spring, had one water leak, listened to some services to locate water leaks, and worked on some graves at Cedar Hill Cemetery. Lucas has been approached by another municipality to purchase 200 of the old meters being replaced at \$15.00 each. The upcoming projects were discussed.

Mayor Lucas reported that Lazarus Cemetery Mapping will begin mapping and plotting the cemetery in the near future when the weather is better. Mayor Lucas asked about gates at the cemetery that was previously approved by the Council to install. Prices and options will be obtained.

Police Chief Jason Ballman was attending in-service training and was not able to attend. He had relayed that progress is being made for the two full time deputies to be hired and they are working through the testing process.

Fire Chief Jeremy Hougland reported 10 total runs for February, no fire runs. Engine 44 is back in service after repairs. The department has received AED grant, grant for fire meters from fire commission. Fire Chief Hougland also reviewed the CMCI Community Report with the Council and that the City remains at the same level 4 rating.

There were no reports for Vance Simmons Park or Eva Carman Park. During the recent wind storm, there was damage to the building at the Eva Carman Park and will be reported to insurance for coverage.

There were no visitor comments or reports.

Old Business:

Mayor Lucas read second reading of Ordinance 2023-2 AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE. Council Member Robert Young III made a motion to adopt the ordinance as read. Council Member Billy Snyder seconded the motion. Motion carried by majority vote with all Members voting yes.

Mayor Lucas read second reading of Ordinance 2022-10.1 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE AMENDED FY 2023 BUDGET. Council Member Rhea Ballman made a motion to adopt the ordinance as read. Council Member Jane Hettich seconded the motion. Motion carried by majority vote with all Members voting yes.

New Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

As there was no further business, Council Member Billy Snyder moved to adjourn. Council Member Rhea Ballman seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous consent and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm ET.

Charles Douglas Lucas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephen Clark, City Clerk/Treasurer