

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

Minutes for November 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 followed by the Pledge to the American Flag.

Council Members Billy Snyder, Donald Board, Robert Young III, Karen Kinnison, Rhea Ballman and City Attorney Rachel Brown were all present. Charles Poole was absent.

Riley Sumner with Bluegrass Engineering gave an update on projects. Meter project paid with ARPA funds will soon be closed out with final estimate of \$6332.00 presented. A monitoring system at the sewer plant is being discussed and spare parts for gear box at the plant for use of excess KIA funds. Abbico estimate 3 was presented and will be paid once KIA funds are received. Riley was accompanied by Paul Reynolds who will be replacing Riley after his retirement January 1. Riley also discussed the possibility of purchasing water from Meade County Water District in order to provide water to the Lon Dowell Rd water main extension project. Mayor Lucas signed a letter stating the city has interest in purchasing water from Meade County.

The annual Veteran's Memorial was set for Saturday November 11 at 2 pm ET.

Council Member Rhea Ballman moved to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2023 Regular Meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Billy Snyder. Motion carried by majority vote with all Members present voting yes.

City Clerk/Treasurer Stephen Clark presented the treasurer's October financial reports. Clerk brought up for discussion about the water tower leak from the last meeting and with change in Engineer and City Clerk, someone needs to continue to address the need for additional funding from some source to pay for that repair.

City Clerk/Treasurer Stephen Clark reported a total Meade Co RECC Collections for October - \$39,724.13. There were 12 City Stickers sold and 1 duplicate, 2 Business License renewals and 1 new business license application – Eye Candi Beauty Bar.

Council Member Donald Board moved to approve the new business license. Motion was seconded by Council Member Rhea Ballman. Motion carried by majority vote with all Members present voting yes.

Overtime for October – 134 hours 29 minutes. The amount of overtime was mainly due to shortage of officers, requiring the police chief to work more overtime.

First annual Halloween parade was held October 21, 2023. Small participation but big public turnout. It was a great community event with Trunk or Treat at Eva Carman Park.

A code enforcement board meeting was not scheduled for October. 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 came one day, September 6 to work on the FY 22 audit. Another day will be rescheduled when they are able to return. Kristie had scheduled a shred day for November 4, 2023 from 9 to noon ET at City Hall.

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 following: replaced more service lines, had a problem at the plant with a gearbox, had 2 water leaks, pumped 2 tanks, mowed some grass, listened to some service for water leaks, started work on Christmas décor, picked up trash on roads, serviced some equipment, and started working on snow remove equipment.

Assistant Chief Dan McCubbin and Chief Jason Ballman were in attendance and reported 70 calls for service last month, worked 3 collisions, and wrote 7 citations totaling 16 charges. AIs reported that all cruisers have been fixed and ready for service. Recruits are

scheduled to graduate February 8, 2024. Also reported will set up a meeting with City Clerk and Mayor regarding financial status and discuss hiring 4th full time officer if finances allow.

Fire Chief Jeremy Hougland was unable to attend and Rhea Ballman was available to address the council. She reported on membership, rescue 12 is out of service do to needing tire service, teenagers Halloween party had low turnout but went well, Fire Department Christmas party will be December 2nd at 6 pm ET at the Depot. All are invited to attend. Also, laundry detergent fundraiser is still going. Building fund savings account at Cecilian Bank has been set up.

Joe Drake attended and spoke to the Council regarding activities at the City parks. Tried to grade for rock delivery but ground too hard. Took some stuff to Roger Spitzer.

William Ditto reported on Eva Carman Park that on October 21 a corn hole tournament was held. There will be a Halloween party October 28.

There were no visitor comments.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Mayor Charles Douglas Lucas introduced Sherrie Lawson to be the new City Clerk/Treasurer. Sherrie previously was the County Treasurer and comes to us with a wealth of knowledge. Rhea Ballman made a motion to hire Sherrie Lawson as full time City Clerk/Treasurer. Donald Board seconded the motion. Motion carried by majority vote with all Members present voting yes.

Rhea Ballman made a motion for Stephen Clark to stay on to assist the new Clerk/Treasurer as needed and serve as the city project manager for the current construction projects and funding. Donald Board seconded the motion. Motion carried by majority vote with all Members present voting yes.

Council Member Rhea Ballman proposed an ordinance for a business tax on City businesses and other businesses that do work in the City of 1.2% on gross wages. An ordinance will be drafted by the City Attorney and presented at the next meeting.

Council Member Robert Young made a motion to approve a one-time payment of \$500.00 for full-time employees as a Christmas bonus. Karen Kinnison seconded the motion. Motion carried by majority vote with Donald Board voting NO and Rhea Ballman ABSTAINING.

As there was no further business, Council Member Robert Young moved to adjourn. Council Member Rhea Ballman seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous consent and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 pm ET.

Charles Douglas Lucas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephen Clark, City Clerk/Treasurer