

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

**Minutes for September 11, 2023 7:00 ET**

The Special Called Meeting of the Irvington City Council was called to order by Mayor Charles Douglas Lucas at 7:02 pm ET.

Prayer was by Irvington Baptist Church Pastor Tim Lucas, followed by the Pledge to the American Flag.

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

Riley Sumner with Bluegrass Engineering reported that he is retiring January 1, 2024 and we would get a new engineer. He reported that the partial pay estimate of on the ARPA project is \$19,282.30 from Ferguson and would add to the meter project. The City will dig out the meters since most are buried and that would save paying the labor. Straeffer Pump and Sales work on the sewer rehab project in the amount of \$103,205.00 has been completed. DOW wants blower pressure monitored to check system to notify if there is a problem. Cost would be \$15,965.00 which use the remaining KIA funds for the sewer rehab project. Any remainder could then be used to purchase a spare pump. The last easement was obtained for the Lon Dowell Road project.

Council Member Robert Young III moved to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2023 Regular Meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Billy Snyder. Motion carried by majority vote with all Members present voting yes.

Council Member Robert Young III moved to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2023 Special Called 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 August financial reports.

City Clerk/Treasurer Stephen Clark reported a total Meade Co RECC Collections for August - \$46,252.40. There was one City Sticker sold, 1 Business License renewals and 2 new business license applications- ISHOP and Handyman Landscaping.

Council Member Donald Board moved to approve the 2 new business licenses – and was seconded by Council Member Billy Snyder. Motion carried by majority vote with all Members present voting yes.

Overtime for August – 95 hours 34 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 late August. Kristie is working on scheduling a shred day in November.

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 that the water tank has a leak and will need draining. He also reported that the maintenance department had trimmed some trees out of the road, worked on some equipment, ran a new service line at Alexander Funeral Home due to a leak, listened to some services for leaks, picked up trash on roads, had one water leak, sprayed for weeds, and did some mowing.

Police Chief Jason Ballman and Assistant Chief Dan McCubbin were in attendance. Chief Ballman presented the idea of purchasing a new truck at a cost of \$55,518.00 with screen no lights, as it is taking a long time to find anything due to lack of inventory. He also presented a quote from Axon for the purchase of new tasers for the officers in the amount of \$21,785.00 which could be paid over 5 years. The council took no action on either items.

Fire Chief Jeremy Hougland spoke on fire- 3 runs, EMS-21 runs, and MVA-2 runs, 1 hazmat cleanup, and 1 gas leak investigation for a total of 28. There are 3 new members-Tim Carpenter, Chris Spears, and Chase Baker(Junior). He also requested that the City allow the fire department to set up a building fund account at the bank to place funds to some day possibly build a new fire station.

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. He will obtain a quote for wind damage on the building at Eva Carman Park.

In visitor comments, Butch Logsdon was present and discussed his reasons for being against the city allowing four wheelers and side-by-sides on City streets.

Richard Rhodes was in attendance and expressed interested in becoming a board member on the code enforcement board. Current members will be contacted and new board members willing to attend meetings regularly will be appointed and sworn in.

Old Business:

Mayor Charles Douglas Lucas introduced second reading and read aloud Ordinance 2023-05 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING THE CITY OF IRVINGTON AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024. A motion was made by Council Member Billy Snyder and seconded by Council Member Karen Kinnison to approve the ordinance as read. The Ordinance sets the property tax and tangible tax rates at .42/100 and the vehicle tax rate at .33/100. 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. Since no one proposed legislation to draft an Ordinance, no action was taken.

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 on City streets. Since no one proposed legislation to draft an Ordinance, no action was taken.

New Business:

Mayor to address the Council was tabled to another meeting.

Trick or Treat date and hours were set for Tuesday October 31, 2023 from 5 – 8 ET.

The Halloween Parade is scheduled for Saturday October 21, 2023 with trunk or treat at the park afterwards.

The Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday November 18, 2023 at dusk.

Discussion of an Ordinance for Parks and Recreations was discussed but Council took no action.

Discussion of the October 2, 2023 regular meeting date resulted in the meeting being changed due to fall break to October 9, 2023 a special called meeting. Council Member Billy Snyder made a motion to move. Council Member Karen Kinnison seconded the motion. Motion carried by majority vote with all Members voting yes.

Mayor Lucas was presented with a letter from Robert Young Jr resigning as director of Eva Carman Park and requests to relinquish his position to William Ditto. Mayor Lucas appointed him as director immediately. It was also discussed that new basketball goal backboards are needed at Eva Carman Park and to purchase them. Council Member Karen Kinnison asked the electricity be left on at the park.

Mayor Lucas introduced resolution to add supplemental ARPA funds received in the amount of \$23,913.00 to the project. 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 introduced a change order for Straeffler Pump and Sales for the project. 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.

At the request of the Fire Chief, Council Member Donald Board made a motion to open a building fund savings account at Cecilian Bank. All names on the checking account will be on this savings account. Council Member Billy Snyder seconded the motion. Motion carried by majority vote with all Members voting yes.

As there was no further business, Council Member Karen Kinnison moved to adjourn. Council Member Billy Snyder seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous consent and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:28 pm ET.

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Charles Douglas Lucas, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Stephen Clark, City Clerk/Treasurer