

**IRVINGTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**109 W Caroline St. Irvington, KY 40146**  
**Regular Called Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 1, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Irvington City Council was called to order by Mayor Charles Douglas Lucas at 7:00 pm ET. Prayer was led by, Councilman Robert Young III and followed by the Pledge to the American Flag. Council Members present included: Karen Kinnison, Billy Snyder, Charles Poole, Robert Young III and Rhea Ballman. Council Member absent included: Donald Board. City Attorney, Rachel Brown was absent.

**PRESENTATION: BLUEGRASS ENGINEERING**

Paul Reynolds with Bluegrass Engineering gave an update on the current project. The waterline replacement project was completed with \$9,726.46 paid to Ferguson Waterworks and \$5,764 used for final cleanup leaving a balance of \$761.54 contingency funds. He further added that the Lon Dowell Waterline Extension project was approved by the Kentucky Department of Water. Bluegrass Engineering was working on obtaining easements and bids for the project with Meade County supplying the additional water.

However, since that time Hardinsburg Municipal Utility has notified the city that their facility now has the capability to supply water for the Lon Dowell extension. Paul Reynolds explained the differences between Hardinsburg and Meade County's water systems process. He added that the two systems used different chemicals to treat their water and the two could not be comingled. After some discussion, Councilwoman Rhea Ballman moved, seconded by Councilman Charles Poole to purchase water from the City of Hardinsburg for the Lon Dowell Extension project.

**MINUTES: MARCH 4, 2024**

Councilman Billy Snyder moved to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2024 Regular Meeting and Councilwoman Rhea Ballman seconded. All Members present voting aye, motion carried.

**CITY CLERK/TREASURER REPORTS**

City Clerk/Treasurer Sherrie Lawson presented the Treasurer's March Financial Report for the Council's review.

City Clerk/Treasurer Sherrie Lawson reported a total Meade Co RECC Collections for March of \$42,074.48. There were 20 City Stickers sold, 2 Business Licenses renewals and 1 new Business License application – Eddie Kennedy Mowing. Total overtime for March:

Office Staff 0 hours, Operation/Maintenance 12:17 hours and Police Department 97.5 hours.

Councilman Billy Snyder made a motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer Reports as submitted and Councilwoman Rhea Ballman seconded. Motion carried by majority vote with all Members present voting aye.

**BUSINESS LICENSE APPROVAL**

Councilwoman Rhea Ballman moved to approve the new business licenses for Eddie Kennedy Mowing and Councilman Billy Snyder seconded. Motion carried by majority vote with all Members present voting aye.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT**

Public Works Director, Chris Lucas reported the following: pumped 3 septic tanks, listened for some service leaks, found 1 and repaired it, picked up trash on the roads, replaced more water meters, serviced mowing equipment and started mowing.

**CEDAR HILL CEMETERY**

Mayor Charles Douglas Lucas stated that the zoom mapping was completed and Lazarus had submitted an invoice for final payment. Mayor Lucas added that once we receive the new mapping program, we would be trained on how to operate it.

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

Police Chief Jason Ballman reported that Officer Winburn had resigned from his position and had accepted a patrol position with the Vine Grove Police Department. He added that we are currently accepting applications for a full-time patrol officer. Also, Officer Goodman had completed his supervised training and was doing a great job. The department had a total of 377 calls for service during the month. He stated that the department wanted to surplus the 2017 Charger. After some discussion, Councilwoman Rhea Ballman moved, seconded by Karen Kinnison to surplus the charger and advertise for bids. All Members present voting aye, motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Jason Ballman updated the council on the purchase of the used Cascade System and added that the fire department state aid funds would be used to make the purchase when available. Rhea Ballman added that Modern Woodman Insurance Company had committed to match up to \$2,500 in proceeds for the Crusade Annual Spring Festival.

**VANCE SIMMONS PARK**

Joe Drake reported that he had received some quotes for dugouts estimating approximately \$4,000 each. He further added that a bathroom facility would be a better investment at this time and submitted a quote just to dig the lines to the park for \$10,000.00 from Tool Shed rental. No action was taken.

**EVA CARMAN PARK**

Willam Ditto reported that the repairs on the bathroom and pavilion had started. Also, the fireworks display "Light Up the Park" was scheduled for June 28. Councilman Robert Young III requested that four portables be rented for the event.

**VISITORS REQUEST AND COMMENTS**

No visitors signed the comment sheet but Sheriff Billy Richardson and Deputy Sheriff Thomas Young attended the meeting. Mayor Lucas opened the floor to Sheriff Richardson for a brief statement.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. The City of Hardinsburg submitted notification that the wholesale water rate would increase by 9.26% beginning July 1, 2024.
- B. Councilwoman Rhea Ballman addressed the council about considering an increase in the annual rate of pay for the Mayor position from \$1,500.00 to \$1,800.00 and the City Council Member position from \$900.00 to \$1,200.00.
- C. The Hardinsburg RO Water Treatment Plant Manager, Brett Mingus submitted the annual 2023 Water Quality Report as required by law to the Council for review.
- D. Councilman Robert Young III requested that Kristie Taul, Chris Lucas and Patrick McFadden receive a pay increase for their committed service during the covid epidemic. Mayor Lucas added that pay increases would be addressed in the new budget.
- E. Robert Young III requested that the comp time carryover hour limit as stated in the ordinance be increased from 40hrs to 80hrs.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Irvington Fire Department is hosting their annual **2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL, MAY 18, 2024.** Contact the Fire Department for details.

Councilman Robert Young III stated that June 28<sup>th</sup> was the date set for the annual city fireworks display “Light UP the Park” at Eva Carmen Park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilwoman Rhea Ballman moved to adjourn this meeting with no further business to come before it and Councilman Billy Synder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:05 pm ET.

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Charles Douglas Lucas, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sherrie Lawson, City Clerk/Treasurer