

**IRVINGTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**109 W Caroline St. Irvington, KY 40146**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**August 5, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor, Charles Douglas Lucas called the Regular Meeting of the Irvington City Council to order at 7:00 pm EDT. Prayer was led by Pastor, Carl Smalls followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Council Members present included: Karen Kinnison, Billy Snyder, Donald Board and Robert Young III. Others present included: City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson and City Attorney, Rachel Brown. Members absent included: Council Members, Rhea Ballman and Charles Poole.

**PRESENTATION: BLUEGRASS ENGINEERING**

Paul Reynolds was not able to attend the meeting. Mayor Lucas added that the pre-construction meeting on the Lon Dowell Road waterline extension project was held on Wednesday, July 31, 2024. He further added that the work was schedule to begin on August 12<sup>th</sup> and estimated to be completed within 60 days.

**MINUTES: July 1, 2024**

Councilman, Robert Young III made a motion to approve the July 1, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted and Councilman, Billy Snyder seconded. All members present voting aye, motion carried unanimously.

**CITY CLERK/TREASURER REPORTS**

City Clerk/Treasurer, Sherrie Lawson presented the Treasurer's July Financial Report for the Council's review (See attachment for details).

City Clerk/Treasurer, Sherrie Lawson reported a total Meade Co RECC Collections for July of \$34,530.04. There were 2 City Stickers sold for a total of 258 for the year and 1 Business License renewal, Butler Auctioneers and 3 new Business License application – B L Plumbing, Doots Yummery and Freds Classics Burger and More. A total of 62 Business Licenses were sold for the year.

Overtime Report: July Total 66:17

Office Staff 0 hours, Operation/Maintenance 16:00 hours, Waste/Water 1:17 hours and Police Department 49:00 hours (See attachment for details).

The Code Enforcement Board met Wednesday, July 17 at 6:00 EDT and the swearing in ceremony was held prior to the official meeting. The following nominations and appointments were made: Acting Chairman, Harold Parente; Secretary, Karran Carpenter; One-Year Seat, Troy Simpson; and the Two-Year Seat, Richard Williams.

**BUSINESS LICENSE APPROVAL**

Councilman, Billy Snyder moved to approve the new Business Licenses: B L Plumbing, Doots Yummery and Freds Classics Burger & More and Councilman, Donald Board seconded. Motion carried with all Members present voting aye.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT**

Public Works Director, Chris Lucas explained that it was work as usual mowing, weed eating, checking for leaks, collecting samples and maintaining the equipment. Lucas further stated that the water tower had been drained and repairs were scheduled to begin on Monday, August 12, 2024.

**CEDAR HILL CEMETERY**

Mayor Lucas informed the council that the cemetery needed a small graveled drive for the hearse to be able to back into to keep from getting stuck in the mud after a rain. The area was marked with flags and Richard French Trucking was hauling the gravel next week if possible.

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

Police Chief, Jason Ballman reported that all the officers had completed their training.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief, Jason Ballman stated that the 1998 fire truck had been in a single vehicle accident causing approximately \$30,000.00 in damages. He further added that there were no injuries.

**VETERAN'S MEMORIAL**

Marty Barksdale was not present for another meeting, so after some discussion Mayor Lucas stated that he would look for a replacement.

**VANCE SIMMONS PARK**

Park Manager, Joe Drake informed the council that a sink hole has materialized on the walking trail.

**EVA CARMAN PARK**

Park Manager, William Ditto reported that there had been several items donated to the park and he was in need of storage for some basketball goals. Councilman, Robert Young III had some information on a used storage building for the Mayor to consider. Police Chief Ballman added that there was plenty of storage room in the old jail building for storage and Ditto was welcome to store items for the park there.

**VISITORS REQUEST AND COMMENTS**

John Wipple, introduced himself as the Democratic candidate for the 10<sup>th</sup> District State House Seat to the council. He explained the school tax referendum and asked everyone in attendance to vote "no" on the referendum in November.

Brian Roach addressed the council expressing his concerns of the lack of bracing on the pavilion at the Eva Carman Park. The Mayor stated that he was working on adding some more bracing to the pavilion.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Mayor Lucas informed the council that the Eva Carman Park storm damage project was completed, but the pavilion still needed some additional bracing.
- B. Mayor Lucas stated that he had received a quote from Currens in the amount of \$2,350.00 to clean-out the water tower which he had approved. He further stated that the total cost of repair and cleaning of the water tower was \$11,690.00. The project was schedule to start August 12, 2024.

- C. The city burn pile was currently closed and would remain closed until further notice.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Ordinance: Property Tax Rates 2024

City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson explained the tax rate calculation worksheet to the council. The compensating rate would collect the same amount of tax revenues as last year and would not need a public hearing. The 4% increases would collect an additional amount of revenues and required a public hearing. (see attachment for details).

After much discussion, the council agreed to the compensating rate, which means no property tax increase from last year. Mayor Lucas read Ordinance 2024-08 to the council, an ordinance setting real and personal property tax rate at .408 cents per \$100 valuation and motor tax rate at .320 cents per \$100 valuation. Councilman, Donald Board made a motion to approve the compensating tax rate for 2024, and Councilman, Billy Snyder seconded. All members present voting aye; motion carried.

- B. Close Account: After some discussion, Councilman, Donald Board moved to close the American Rescue Plan (ARP) fund at the Cecilian Bank and Deposit the ending balance in the Operation and Maintenance account at First State Bank and Councilman, Billy Snyder seconded. All members present voting aye; motion carried.

- C. Street Maintenance: Councilman, Donald Board stated that there was an issue with people speeding on his street, and he was interested in pricing speed bump. He also added that several city streets needed repairs. Mayor Lucas added that he would check on the pricing for a few different methods/types of speed bumps for the council to review before bidding the project out.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Code Enforcement Board meeting is scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm EDT at the Irvington City Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Robert Young III moved to adjourn this meeting and Councilman Billy Snyder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:49 pm EDT.

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CHARLES DOUGLAS LUCAS, MAYOR

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_

SHERRIE LAWSON, CITY CLERK/TREASURER