

MINUTES
September 15, 2026
Irondale City Council Meeting - City Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

- I. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** – *Councilor Box led the invocation and pledge.*
- II. Call to Order** – *The meeting was called to order by Council President Spivey at 6:01 p.m.*
- III. Roll Call**

Present

David Spivey, Council President
John London
Aaron Sims
Erin Arnold
Robert Box

- IV. Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on September 1, 2026.**

Councilor Sims made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting held on September 1, 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilor Arnold. A vote was held and this motion passed with Councilor London abstaining.

- V. Approval of Current Bills for Payment (\$664,311.19)**

Councilor Box made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$664,311.19 to be paid. This motion was seconded by Councilor Sims. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.

- VI. Mayor's Report, Announcements, Special Guest**

- VII. Councilmembers, Standing Committees, or Special Committee Reports**

- A. David Spivey (Finance; Planning & Zoning)
- B. John London (Parks & Recreation; Public Works)
- C. Erin Arnold (Water Department; Library; Education & Youth)
- D. Robert Box (Senior Activity Center; Public Safety; Abatement Board)
- E. Aaron Sims (Judicial Ordinances; Economic Development; CDA/IDB)

- VIII. Public Comments to the Council on Non-Agenda Items** – *None*

- IX. Reports of Boards and Non-Council Committees**

Gold Helmet Presentation (Chief McDaniel)

- X. Council Deliberation on Agenda Items Only**

The City Council discussed all agenda items.

XI. Approval of the Form of the Agenda

Councilor Box made a motion that item #6 be removed, items #8, #12, #13, #24, #25 and #36 be amended, item #37 be added to the Consent Agenda, item #38 be renumbered, and the form of the agenda be approved as amended. Councilor Arnold seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.

XII. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

Judy Wilson; 3510 Belmont Road

XIII. Consent Agenda

Councilor Box made a motion that the Consent Agenda, as amended, be approved. Councilor Arnold seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.

1. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-59-E amends Resolution 2026-R-59-D approving the FY2025-26 General Fund Budget. *(Mayor Stewart)*
2. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-179 extends the City's Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budgets until March 31, 2027. *(Mayor Stewart)*
3. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-180 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a service agreement with Heidi's Kids for an amount not to exceed \$7,750. The funding is as follows: \$5,000 from the FY2025-26 Community Programs Fund, \$1,000 from the FY2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Erin Arnold, \$1,000 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor David Spivey, and \$750.00 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor John London. *(Mayor Stewart/Arnold/Spivey/London)*
4. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-181 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an agreement with Southern Software in an amount not to exceed \$5,832.00 for the provision of customer support of mission critical mobile data (MDIS) for the Irondale Police Department. *(Kellogg)*
5. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-182 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an agreement with Southern Software in an amount not to exceed \$1,655.00 for NCIC interface for MDIS for the Irondale Police Department. *(Kellogg)*
6. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-183 fixes the removal costs of the weeds, and overgrowth located on the premises at 877 Ivawood Road, Irondale, AL 35210 in the amount of \$2,527.64, places a weed lien on such property, and provides that a copy of the resolution will be sent to the Jefferson County Tax Assessor for collection as a part of the regular ad valorem property tax bill. *(Price)*

Removed

7. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-184 authorizes the allocation of public funds in the amount of \$9,400.00 from the FY2025-26 Discretionary Funds of Councilor Robert Box to be used by the Irondale Police Department, Irondale Fire Department, Irondale Dispatch and the Senior Activity Center. The funding shall be as follows: \$2,350 to the Irondale Police Department, \$2,350 to the Irondale Fire Department, \$2,350 to Irondale Dispatch, and \$2,350 to the Irondale Senior Activity Center. *(Box)*
8. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-185 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a service agreement with Veterans in Recovery for \$4,000.00 for services and programs designed to support veterans and members of the Irondale community. The funding for this is as follows: \$3,000 from the FY2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Robert Box, \$500 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor John London, and \$500 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Erin Arnold. *(Box/London/Arnold)*
9. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-186 authorizes the allocation of public funds in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Erin Arnold to be used by the Irondale Public Library for the purchase of Tonies for the Children's Library and art supplies for programming. *(Arnold)*
10. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-187 authorizes the allocation of public funds in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Erin Arnold to be used by the Irondale Senior Activity Center for the conversion of an office to a storage room. *(Arnold)*
11. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-188 authorizes the allocation of public funds to Shades Valley High School in the amount of \$3,500.00 to be used exclusively by the Shades Valley High School Band and Color Guard. The funding for this is as follows: \$2,500 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr. and \$1,000 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Erin Arnold *(Mayor Stewart/Arnold)*
12. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-189 authorizes the allocation of public funds to Shades Valley High School in the amount of \$600.00 to be used exclusively by the Shades Valley High School Chess Club. The funding for this is as follows: \$300 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Erin Arnold and \$300 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor John London. *(Arnold/London)*
13. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-190 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an agreement with Mitch Pledger Youth Development in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 to be used exclusively for mentorship programs, health and wellness programs, and anti-human trafficking programs to youth and young adults in the City of Irondale. The funding for this is as follows: \$1,000 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Erin Arnold and \$500 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor John London. *(Arnold/London)*

14. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-191 authorizes the allocation of public funds to Shades Valley High School in the amount of \$400.00 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Aaron Sims to be used exclusively for the Shades Valley High School Library. *(Sims)*
15. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-192 authorizes the allocation of public funds to Irondale Middle School in the amount of \$400.00 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Aaron Sims to be used exclusively for the Irondale Middle School Library. *(Sims)*
16. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-193 authorizes the allocation of public funds to Irondale Community School in the amount of \$400.00 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Aaron Sims to be used exclusively for the Irondale Community School Library. *(Sims)*
17. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-194 authorizes the allocation of public funds to Grantswood Community School in the amount of \$400.00 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Aaron Sims to be used exclusively for the Grantswood Community School Library. *(Sims)*
18. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-195 authorizes the allocation of public funds to Shades Valley High School in the amount of \$400.00 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Aaron Sims to be used exclusively for the Shades Valley High School Art Program. *(Sims)*
19. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-196 authorizes the allocation of public funds to Irondale Middle School in the amount of \$400.00 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Aaron Sims to be used exclusively for the Irondale Middle School Art Program. *(Sims)*
20. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-197 authorizes the allocation of public funds to Irondale Community School in the amount of \$400.00 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Aaron Sims to be used exclusively for the Irondale Community School Art Program. *(Sims)*
21. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-198 authorizes the allocation of public funds to Grantswood Community School in the amount of \$400.00 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Aaron Sims to be used exclusively for the Grantswood Community School Art Program. *(Sims)*
22. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-199 authorizes the allocation of public funds to Shades Valley High School in the amount of \$985.00 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Aaron Sims to be used exclusively for the Shades Valley High School Theatre Program. *(Sims)*

23. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-200 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an agreement with Sain Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$19,500.00 for the creation of a Traffic Calming Policy. (*Mayor Stewart*)
24. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-201 authorizes the allocation of public funds to Shades Valley High School in the amount of \$3,000.00 to be used exclusively for the Shades Valley High School Choir. The funding for this is as follows: \$2,500 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr. and \$500 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor John London. (*Mayor Stewart/London*)
25. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-202 authorizes the allocation of public funds to Shades Valley High School in the amount of \$3,000.00 to be used exclusively for the Shades Valley High School Future Business Leaders of America. The funding for this is as follows: \$2,500 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr. and \$500 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor John London. (*Mayor Stewart/London*)
26. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-203 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a construction easement agreement with Tower Development, Inc. at the property located at 3521 Ratliff Road for a construction project at Kirkwood by the River. (*Mayor Stewart*)
27. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-204 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an agreement with The Retail Coach in an amount not to exceed \$38,000.00 for services including retail market analysis and retail recruitment. (*Mayor Stewart*)
28. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-205 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a project change order with Shelby Company, LLC in the amount of \$31,709.24 for value engineering and/or necessary upgrades. (*Doss*)
29. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-206 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a project change order with Shelby Company, LLC in the amount of \$629,073.91 for utilities for the site and kitchen remodel. (*Doss*)
30. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-207 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a project change order with Shelby Company, LLC in the amount of \$470,246.34 for unforeseen conditions / interior environmental concerns. (*Doss*)
31. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-208 authorizes the adoption of a tiered services scale for the City of Irondale's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Plan. (*Mayor Stewart*)
32. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-209 authorizes the allocation of public funds in the amount of \$1,250.00 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Erin Arnold for the purchase of certain equipment for a community garden. (*Arnold*)

33. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-210 authorizes the allocation of public funds in the amount of \$2,200.00 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor John London to Stoneridge Neighborhood Association, exclusively for use in the public right-of-way to replace the plexiglass and to improve the Stoneridge Neighborhood entrance with landscaping, such as mulch, flowers, etc. *(London)*
34. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-211 authorizes the allocation of public funds in the amount of \$600.00 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor John London to Irondale Parks and Recreation for purchasing clamps to secure the portable fences at Irondale Baseball Park. *(London)*
35. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-212 authorizes the allocation of public funds in the amount of \$500.00 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor John London to Rock Ridge Neighborhood, exclusively for purchasing garbage cans for the Rock Ridge public greenspace. *(London)*
36. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-213 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a service agreement with the Marsha Kelley-Sutton Foundation in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be used for youth educational purposes for the provision of multi-faceted experiences designed to guide students for progression through higher education. The funding for this is as follows: \$1,000 from the FY2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor John London and \$500 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Erin Arnold. *(London/Arnold)*
37. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-214 authorizes the allocation of public funds in the amount of \$2,600.21 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Aaron Sims to be used exclusively for the School Safety Initiatives and School Resource Officers. *(Sims)*

XIV. Regular Agenda

38. Ordained, That Ordinance 2026-25 amends Chapter 3, Article II of the Municipal Code of the City of Irondale to align with Beau's Law (Alabama Senate Bill 361 (2026)) and to repeal all ordinances and parts or ordinances of the City in conflict therewith. *(Sims)*

Councilor Sims made a motion that Ordinance 2026-25 be considered read. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

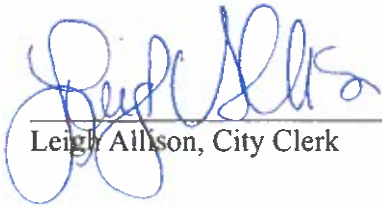
Councilor Sims made a motion that all rules that would prevent the immediate consideration of Ordinance 2026-25 be suspended. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

Councilor Sims made a motion that Ordinance 2026-25 be adopted. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

XV. Executive Session

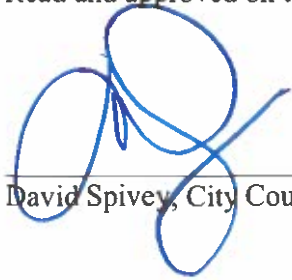
XVI. Adjournment

Councilor London made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilor Arnold seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.



Leigh Allison, City Clerk

Read and approved on the 6th day of October 2026.



David Spivey, City Council President