

**MINUTES**  
**January 3, 2023**  
**Irondale City Council Meeting - City Council Chambers, City Hall**  
**Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.**

**I. Invocation and Pledge** – *Councilor London led the invocation and pledge*

**II. Call to Order** - *The meeting was called to order by Council President Spivey at 6:04 p.m.*

**III. Roll Call**

**Present**

David Spivey, Council President  
Robert Box  
John London, President Pro Tem  
Aaron Sims

**Absent**

Cindy Cuellar

**IV. Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on December 20, 2022.**

*Councilor Sims made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting on December 20, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor Box. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.*

**V. Approval of Current Bills for Payment (\$261,390.79)**

*Councilor Box made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$261,390.79. This motion was seconded by Councilor Sims. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.*

**VI. Professional/Consultants' Reports -None**

**VII. Mayor's Report, Announcements, Special Guest**

*Proclamation – Trudi Rollan, Human Trafficking*

**VIII. Department Heads' Reports**

**Councilmembers, Standing Committees, or Special Committee Reports**

- A. David Spivey (Economic Dev., Library, Finance, Planning & Zoning)
- B. John London (Parks)
- C. Cindy Cuellar (Water Dept., Judicial Ordinances, CDA)
- D. Robert Box (Senior Activity Center, Public Safety, Abatement Board)
- E. Aaron Sims (Public Works)

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

*John Schoen; Exchange Club*

**X. Public Hearings**

1. The City Council of the City of Irondale will hear comments from interested citizens for a change of zoning from an Inst.-1 Institutional Zone District to a C-1 Commercial District for the property located at 6001 Old Leeds Road, Irondale, Alabama 35210.

*Councilor Sims made a motion to enter into the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Box. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.*

FOR  
*None*

AGAINST  
*Jack Wallace; 3112 Old Ivey Road*

*Councilor Box made a motion to exit the Public Hearing. This motion was seconded by Councilor Sims. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.*

2. Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council to hear from the owners of and any interested citizens concerning the property located at 1815 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Irondale, Alabama and the City Council's determination concerning demolition of the unsafe conditions located on such property.

*Councilor Box made a motion to enter into the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sims. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.*

FOR  
*None*

AGAINST  
*Robert Fritz  
Gretchen Thiel; 2205 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave North*

*Councilor Box made a motion to exit the Public Hearing. This motion was seconded by Councilor Sims. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.*

3. Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council to hear from the owners of and any interested citizens concerning the property located at 1020 Navarro Lane, Irondale, Alabama and the City Council's determination concerning demolition of the unsafe conditions located on such property.

*Councilor Box made a motion to enter into the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sims. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.*

FOR  
None

AGAINST  
None

*Councilor Box made a motion to exit the Public Hearing. This motion was seconded by Councilor Sims. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.*

**XI. Council Deliberation on Agenda Items Only** -*The City Council discussed all agenda items.*

**XII. Approval of the Form of the Agenda** - *Councilor Box made a motion that the form of the Agenda be approved. Councilor Sims seconded the motion. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.*

**XIII. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only** - *None*

**XIV. Consent Agenda**

*Councilor Sims made a motion that all items on the Consent Agenda be approved. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.*

1. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-01 authorizes the execution by Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr. of a Certificate of Authorized Signers for the City's Escrow Account for Wells Fargo Bank. (*City*)
2. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-02 authorizes the allocation of public funds from the 2022-23 FY Discretionary Fund of Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr. in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Public Service Project Grant to be given to selected public service project submissions to assist in bringing such projects to fruition and that will be announced on January 17, 2023. (*Mayor*)
3. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-03 authorizes the execution by Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr. of an agreement with Mobile Communications America for the servicing of Irondale Police Department communication equipment in an amount not to exceed \$16,947.00 annually. (*Wiggins*)

**XV. Regular Agenda**

**New Business**

4. Ordained, That Ordinance 2023-01 rezones the property located at 6001 Old Leeds Road, Irondale, Alabama 35210 from an Inst.-1 Institutional Zone District to a C-1 Commercial District. (*City*)

*Councilor Sims made a motion that Ordinance 2023-01 be considered read. 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 all rules that would prevent the immediate consideration of Ordinance 2023-01 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 2023-01 be adopted. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.*

5. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-04 declares the property at 1815 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Irondale, Alabama 35210 a public nuisance and orders its abatement. *(Kennedy)*

*Continued until the first meeting in March 2023*

6. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-05 declares the property at 1020 Navarro Lane, Irondale, Alabama 35210 a public nuisance and orders its abatement. *(Kennedy)*

*Councilor Box made a motion that Resolution 2023-R-05 be adopted. Councilor London seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion passed with all Councilors voting in favor of the motion.*

7. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-06 authorizes the use of McGriff Insurance Services as the City's Insurance Broker and the execution of any documents necessary for such purposes and for securing insurance on behalf of the City. *(City)*

*Councilor Box made a motion that Resolution 2023-R-06 be adopted. Councilor Sims seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion passed with all Councilors voting in favor of the motion.*

8. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-07 amends Resolution 2022-R-236 to reflect the date of Marty's GM St. Patrick's Day Party event will be held on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023. *(Spivey)*

*Councilor Sims made a motion that Resolution 2023-R-07 be adopted. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion passed with all Councilors voting in favor of the motion.*

9. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-08 approves an Alcohol License for Mary's GM St. Patrick's Day Celebration, 5415 Beacon Drive, Suite 145, Irondale, AL 35210 – Parking Lot. (Spivey)

*Councilor Sims made a motion that Resolution 2023-R-08 be adopted. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion passed with all Councilors voting in favor of the motion.*

**XVI. Public Comments to the Council**

*Mary Shearer; 5276 Amber Hills Road  
David Smith; 1020 Bramble Lane*

**XVII. Executive Session**

*Councilor Box made a motion to enter into executive Session. Councilor Sims seconded the motion. The Executive Session began at 7:19 p.m.*

*Councilor Box made a motion to exit executive Session. Councilor Sims seconded the motion. The Executive Session ended at 8:10 p.m.*

**XVIII. Adjournment**

*Councilor London made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilor Sims seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.*

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Leigh Ann Allison, City Clerk

Read and approved on the 3rd day of January, 2023

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David Spivey, President, City Council