

**MINUTES**  
**July 18, 2023**  
**Irondale City Council Meeting - City Council Chambers, City Hall**  
**Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.**

- I. Invocation and Pledge** – *Councilor Cuellar led the invocation and pledge.*
- II. Call to Order** – *The meeting was called to order by Council President Spivey at 6:03 p.m.*

**III. Roll Call**

**Present**

David Spivey, Council President  
Aaron Sims  
Cindy Cuellar  
Robert Box

**Absent**

John London, President Pro Tem

**IV. Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on July 6, 2023.**

*Councilor Box made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting on July 6, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sims. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously, with Councilor Cuellar abstaining*

**V. Approval of Current Bills for Payment (\$355,738.37)**

*Councilor Box made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$355,738.37. 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**

**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 – None**

- X. Executive Session** – To discuss pending or threatened litigation and to discuss preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the governmental body is in competition with private individuals or entities or other governmental bodies in Alabama.

*Councilor Box made a motion to enter executive session. Councilor Cuellar seconded the motion. The executive session began at 6:28 p.m.*

*Councilor Cuellar made a motion to exit executive session. Councilor Box seconded the motion. The executive session ended at 7:00 p.m.*

**XI. Public Hearings**

1. Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council to hear comments from interested citizens concerning the weeds growing upon or in front of the property located at 3520 Stonehenge Place, Irondale, Alabama 35210 to determine whether the weeds constitute a public nuisance which shall be abated by removal of the noxious or dangerous weeds; and if so, will order the abatement and removal of the nuisance.

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

FOR

*Ellen Ortis; 3521 Stonehenge Pl*

AGAINST

*None*

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

**XII. Council Deliberation on Agenda Items Only – The City Council discussed all agenda items.**

**XIII. 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.**

**XIV. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only – None**

**XV. Consent Agenda**

*Councilor Box made a motion that items 7, 9 and 10 on the Regular Agenda be moved to the Consent Agenda and that the Consent Agenda be approved, as amended. Councilor Sims seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously*

1. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-87 authorizes the City of Irondale to accept a grant from ADEM in the amount of \$283,698.00 for the purchase of a curbside collection vehicle, 64-gallon curbside carts, and education and outreach, and authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr. or his designee to execute the Alabama Recycling Fund Grant Agreement and any and all documents necessary to obtain such grant. (*Pennington*)
2. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-88 authorizes the execution by Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr. or his designee of an agreement with WEBB Payroll Service for payroll services in an amount not to exceed \$27,369.00 per year plus a one-time fee of \$4,800.00. (*City*)

3. Resolved, Resolution 2023-R-89 authorizes the execution by Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr. or his designee of an agreement with Verified First for background check services at a cost of \$41.75 per employee. *(City)*
4. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-90 authorizes the execution by Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr. or his designee of an agreement with ALVIN (Alabama Vehicle Information Network) for vehicle registration services. *(City)*
5. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-91 authorizes the donation of \$2,500.00 to Irondale Middle School for use by the Irondale Middle School Track Team. *(Mayor)*
6. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-92 approves a compensation increase of 7.5% for classified and unclassified employees and for Public Safety Dispatcher II and Public Safety Dispatcher Supervisor. *(City)*
7. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-93 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr. or his designee to execute an agreement with Strong Automotive Merchandising, LLC for an advertisement campaign to increase City sales taxes related to purchases in the Irondale Auto Mall. *(City)*
8. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-95 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr. or his designee to execute an agreement with Williams Blackstock Architects for the Irondale Civic Center renovations. *(Doss)*
9. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-96 declares the weeds, overgrowth, and noxious vegetable matter located on the premises located at 3520 Stonehenge Place, Irondale, Alabama as a public nuisance and orders the abatement thereof. *(Lawley)*

## **XVI. Regular Agenda**

### **New Business**

10. Resolved, That Resolved 2023-R-94 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr. or his designee to execute an agreement with Sheppard Harris & Associates for accounting services for the City of Irondale in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00. *(City)*

*Councilor Sims made a motion that Resolution 2023-R-94 be approved. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion passed with Councilors Box, Sims and Spivey voting in favor of the motion and Council Cuellar not voting in favor of the motion.*

*This item failed due to a lack of unanimous consent.*

## **XVI. Public Comments to the Council – None**

**XVIII. Adjournment**

*Councilor Cuellar made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilor Box seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.*

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Leigh Ann Allison, City Clerk

Read and approved on the 1st day of August, 2023.

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David Spivey, President, City Council