

MINUTES
October 4, 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 6:00 p.m.*
- III. Roll Call**

Present

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

- IV. Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on September 19, 2023.**

Councilor Cuellar made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting on September 19, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilor Box. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.

- V. Approval of Current Bills for Payment (\$306,423.54)**

Councilor Box made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$306,423.54. 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**

Mike Davis – Chamber of Commerce
John Schoen – Exchange Club

- X. Public Hearings**

1. 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 1004 Parrish Lane, Irondale, Alabama and the City Council's determination concerning demolition of the unsafe conditions located on such property.

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

FOR
None

AGAINST
None

Councilor Cuellar made a motion to exit the Public Hearing. This motion was seconded by Councilor Box. 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 5142 Amber Hills Road, 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 the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Cuellar. 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 Cuellar. 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 Cuellar seconded the motion. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.*
- XIII. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only**
- XIV. Consent Agenda**

Councilor Box made a motion that items 11 and 12 be placed on the Consent Agenda and items 6 and 8 be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda, and the Consent Agenda be approved, as amended. Councilor Cuellar seconded the motion. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.

1. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-143 authorizes the payment of public funds to Shades Valley High School in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the 2022-23 FY Discretionary Fund of Councilor

John London to be used exclusively for the Cheer Team at Shades Valley High School.
(London)

2. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-144 authorizes the payment of public funds to the Irondale Exchange Club in the amount of \$5,000.00 with \$1,000 from the 2022-23 FY Discretionary Fund of Councilor John London, \$1,000 from the FY2022-23 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Aaron Sims, \$1,000 from the FY2022-23 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Cindy Cuellar, \$1,000 from the FY2022-23 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Robert Box, and \$1,000 from the FY2022-23 Discretionary Fund of Councilor David Spivey to be used exclusively for the purchasing of new flag poles to replace the current flag poles on Crestwood Boulevard within the City of Irondale. *(London/Cuellar/Box/Sims/Spivey)*
3. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-145 declares the weeds, overgrowth, and noxious vegetable matter located on the premises located at 2305 2nd Avenue North, Irondale, Alabama as a public nuisance and orders the abatement thereof. *(Pauly)*
4. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-146 authorizes the City of Irondale to accept a grant from the Alabama Tourism Department in the amount of \$2,600.00 to assist with expenses of the City related to the Irondale Music Festival held on September 23, 2023 and authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr. to execute an agreement related thereto. *(City)*
5. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-147 authorizes the City of Irondale to accept a grant from the Alabama Tourism Department in the amount of \$3,900.00 to assist with expenses of the City related to the Irondale Music Festival held on September 23, 2023 and authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr. to execute an agreement related thereto. *(City)*
7. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-149 declares the weeds, overgrowth, and noxious vegetable matter located on the premises located at 5303 Dixie Land Road, Irondale, Alabama as a public nuisance and orders the abatement thereof. *(Lawley)*
11. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-153 authorizes the City of Irondale to purchase three 2023 Charger Pursuits from Stivers Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Ford Lincoln, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$136,000.00. *(Wiggins)*
12. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-154 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an agreement with Racetrac, Inc. f/n/a Racetrac Petroleum, Inc. for use of the property located at 2000 Crestwood Boulevard, Irondale, Alabama, for fire department training purposes. *(McDaniel)*

XV. Regular Agenda

New Business

6. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-148 declares the property at 1004 Parrish Lane, Irondale, Alabama 35210 a public nuisance and orders its abatement. *(Kennedy)*

Councilor Cuellar made a motion that Resolution 2023-R-148 be approved. Councilor Box 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-150 declares the property at 5142 Amber Hills Road, Irondale, Alabama 35210 a public nuisance and orders its abatement. (*Kennedy*)

Councilor Box made a motion that Resolution 2023-R-150 be approved. Councilor Cuellar 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-151 authorizes the City of Irondale to enter into an agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. to add new licenses and equipment to the City's current plan with Axon for new body cameras to be used by police officers and to incorporate all prior agreements with Axon into one agreement in an amount not to exceed \$615,088.49 over sixty (60) months. (*Wiggins*)

Councilor Box made a motion that Resolution 2023-R-151 be approved. Councilor Cuellar seconded this motion. This motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

10. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-152 authorizes the City of Irondale to purchase a 2023 Freightliner M2 Chassis with Brush Hawg Knuckleboom Loader from Sansom Equipment Co., Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$227,712.00. (*Pennington*)

Councilor Sims made a motion that Resolution 2023-R-152 be approved. Councilor Box seconded this motion. This motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

XVI. Public Comments to the Council

John Bivona; 1296 Shades Terrace

- XVII. Executive Session** – *To discuss the consideration the governmental body is willing to offer or accept when considering the purchase, sale, exchange, lease, or market value of real property.*

Councilor Cuellar made a motion to enter executive session. Councilor Box seconded the motion. The executive session began at 6:41 p.m.

Councilor Cuellar made a motion to exit executive session. Councilor London seconded the motion. The executive session ended at 6:55 p.m.

XVIII. Adjournment

Councilor Box made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilor Sims seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Leigh Ann Allison, City Clerk

Read and approved on the 17th day of October 2023.

David Spivey, City Council President