

MINUTES
January 21, 2025
Irondale City Council Meeting - City Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

- I. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** – *Pastor McClure led the invocation and pledge.*
- II. **Call to Order** – *The meeting was called to order by Council President Spivey at 6:02 p.m.*
- III. **Roll Call**

Present
David Spivey, Council President
John London, President Pro Tem
Aaron Sims
Cindy Cuellar
Robert Box
- IV. **Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on January 7, 2025.**

Councilor Cuellar made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on January 7, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sims. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.
- V. **Approval of Current Bills for Payment (\$857,990.63)**

Councilor Box made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$857,990.63. This motion was seconded by Councilor London. A vote was held and this motion passed with Councilors London, Box, Sims and Spivey voting in favor of the motion and Councilor Cuellar voting against the motion.
- VI. **Mayor's Report, Announcements, Special Guest**

Proclamation; Terry Lewis
- VII. **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)

VIII. Public Comments to the Council on Non-Agenda Items

*Mary Sherer; 5276 Amber Hills Road
Francesca Roscoe; 5018 Janet Lane*

IX. Reports of Boards and Non-Council Committees

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 12 be amended, item 16 be moved to the Consent Agenda, and the form of the agenda be approved, as amended. Councilor Sims seconded the motion. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.*

XII. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

*Kim Hartley; 2304 4th Avenue South
Sergei Kilic; 1319 Marion Drive
Beth Albrighten; 2303 4th Avenue South
William Hickman; 2302 4th Avenue South
Denise Wright; 2135 5th Terrace South
Michelle Barclay; 1118 Karl Daly Trace
Helen Poe; 420 South 23rd Street
Vaughn Barclay; 1118 Kark Daly Trace
April Harvil*

XIII. Consent Agenda

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

1. Resolved, That Resolution 2024-R-214-A amends Resolution 2024-R-214 increasing the amount of military leave hours from 168 hours to 408 hours per calendar year and authorizes the submission of this Resolution to the Personnel Board of Jefferson County. *(Mayor Stewart)*
2. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-12 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a Community Grant Program agreement with the Jefferson County Commission to accept a grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the Irondale Senior Center Activity. *(Wright)*

3. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-13 dedicates a portion of Montevallo Road in honor of Mayor Dan Praytor. *(Mayor Stewart)*
4. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-14 dedicates a portion of Overton Road in honor of Mayor Allen Ramsey. *(Mayor Stewart)*
5. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-15 dedicates a portion of Ruffner Road in honor of Lieutenant Mark Meadows. *(Wallace)*
6. Resolved, That Resolved 2025-R-16 dedicates a portion of 20th Street South in honor of Sean Littleton. *(Mayor Stewart)*
7. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-17 authorizes the execution of an agreement with RiverTree Systems, Inc. for the performance of sales, use, lease, lodging, and business license audits on the City's behalf. *(Mayor Stewart)*
8. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-18 approves the provision of in-kind services by the City for Marty's GM St. Patrick's Day Party on March 15, 2025 and declaration of Public Purpose for the same. *(Spivey)*
9. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-19 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to purchase 25 Alco-Sensor FSTs from Intoximeters, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$11,000.00. *(Mayor Stewart)*
10. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-20 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to purchase 30 Enforcer II tint meters from Laser Labs, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2,692.00. *(Mayor Stewart)*
11. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-21 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to purchase 30 dash cameras from Axon Enterprise, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$327,132 over a period of five years. *(Mayor Stewart)*
12. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-22 authorizes the expenditure of up to \$38,000.00 for shooting range upgrades for the Irondale Police Department. The funding source for this is as follows: \$35,000 from the City's general fund, \$2,000 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Robert Box, and \$1,000 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor John London. *(Mayor Stewart)*
13. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-23 accepts the bid from Coca-Cola Bottling Co. United for Exclusive Non-Alcoholic Beverage Rights and authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute any documents necessary to effectuate this bid acceptance. *(Blankenship)*

14. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-24 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an agreement addendum with Nexbillpay, LLC for swiper services at the Irondale Senior Activity Center for a one-time fee of \$125.00. (*Allison*)
15. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-25 authorizes the City of Irondale to enter into an Agreement with Ulch Mulch LLC in an amount not to exceed \$25,834.08 for mulching, tree removal and debris removal. (*McDaniel*)
16. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-26 declares an emergency and authorizes the expenditure of funds for emergency work to be completed by Rast Construction, Inc. on the City's waterline under I-20 at Exit 133. (*Morris*)

XIV. Regular Agenda

17. *Second Reading* – Ordained, That Ordinance 2024-19 rezones the properties located at 2201 5th Terrace South and 2205 5th Terrace South, Irondale, Alabama 35210 from R-2 Residential District to O – Office District. (*Cochran*)

Councilor Spivey made a motion that Ordinance 2024-19 be approved. Councilor Sims seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with Councilors London, Box, Sims and Spivey voting in favor of the motion and Councilor Cuellar voting against the motion.

18. **Public Hearing / Second Reading** – Ordained, That Ordinance 2025-01 authorizes the selection of Plan 2 with amendments for redistricting the City and authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to take all necessary steps to effectuate this selection. (*Sims*)

Councilor Sims made a motion to enter public hearing for Ordinances 2025-01 and 2025-02. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

Comments From:

*Caroline Sazera; 3601 Havenhill Place
Csaba Vedlik; 5725 Belmont Drive
Andy Jordan; 3610 Havenhill Drive
Gwyn Moore; 5355 Heritage Lane*

Councilor London made a motion to exit public hearing. Councilor Sims 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 Ordinance 2025-01 be approved. Councilor London seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with Councilors London, Sims and Spivey voting in favor of the motion, Councilor Box abstaining and Councilor Cuellar voting against the motion.

19. **Public Hearing** – Ordained, That Ordinance 2025-02 authorizes the selection of Plan 2 with amendments for redistricting the City and authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to take all necessary steps to effectuate this selection. *(Cuellar)*

Ordinance Nos. 2025-01 and 2025-02 had a joint public hearing as set forth in Item 18 above.

Councilor Cuellar made a motion that Ordinance 2025-02 be considered read. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with Councilors Cuellar, Box, and Spivey voting in favor of the motion and Councilors London and Sims voting against the motion.

Councilor Cuellar made a motion that all rules that would prevent the immediate consideration of Ordinance 2025-02 be suspended. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion failed with Council Cuellar voting in favor of the motion Councilors London, Box, Sims and Spivey voting against the motion.

Ordinance 2025-02 had a first reading.

20. **Public Hearing** – Ordained, That Ordinance 2025-03 rezones the property located at 857 Gadsden Highway, Birmingham, Alabama 35235 from C-2 Commercial District to Inst-2 Institutional District. *(Cochran)*

Councilor Cuellar made a motion to enter public hearing. Councilor Sims seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

Comments From:

Brian Alred

Councilor Sims made a motion to exit public hearing. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

Councilor Cuellar made a motion that Ordinance 2025-03 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 Cuellar made a motion that all rules that would prevent the immediate consideration of Ordinance 2025-03 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 Cuellar made a motion that Ordinance 2025-03 be adopted. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

21. **Public Hearing** – Ordained, That Ordinance 2025-04 rezones the properties located at 1845, 1847 and 1849 Crestwood Boulevard, Irondale, Alabama 35210 from C-1 Commercial District to Inst-2 Institutional District. *(Mayor Stewart)*

Councilor Sims made a motion to enter public hearing. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

Comments From:

There were no comments from the public during this public hearing.

Councilor Sims made a motion to exit public hearing. 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 Ordinance 2025-04 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 2025-04 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 2025-04 be adopted. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

22. Ordained, That Ordinance 2025-05 amends Chapter 2, Article III, Division 1 of the *Municipal Code of the City of Irondale, Alabama.* *(Sims)*

Councilor Sims made a motion that Ordinance 2025-05 be considered read. Councilor London seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with Councilors London, Sims and Spivey voting in favor of the motion and Councilors Cuellar and Box voting against the motion.

Councilor Sims made a motion that all rules that would prevent the immediate consideration of Ordinance 2025-05 be suspended. Councilor London seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion failed with Councilors London, Box, Sims, and Spivey voting in favor of the motion and Councilor Cuellar voting against the motion.

Ordinance 2025-05 had a first reading.

Councilor Cuellar made a motion that Ordinance 2025-05, with the amendment to delete Section 2 of the Ordinance, be considered read. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with Councilors Cuellar, Box, and Spivey voting in favor of the motion and Councilors London and Sims voting against the motion.

Councilor Cuellar made a motion that all rules that would prevent the immediate consideration of Ordinance 2025-05, with the amendment to delete Section 2 of the Ordinance, be suspended. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion failed with Councilors Cuellar and Box voting in favor of the motion and Councilors London, Sims and Spivey voting against the motion.

Ordinance 2025-05, with the amendment to delete Section 2 of the Ordinance, had a first reading. This Ordinance will be renumbered as Ordinance 2025-06 for clarity in City record keeping.

XVI. Executive Session

XVIII. Adjournment

Councilor Sims made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilor Box seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.



Leigh Ann Allison, City Clerk

Read and approved on the 4th day of February 2025.



David Spivey, City Council President