

**MINUTES**  
**January 7, 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 6:03 p.m.*

**III. Roll Call**

**Present**

David Spivey, Council President  
John London, President Pro Tem (*arrived at 7:53 p.m.*)  
Aaron Sims  
Cindy Cuellar  
Robert Box

**IV. Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on December 17, 2024.**

*Councilor Sims made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on December 17, 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilor Cuellar. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.*

**V. Approval of Current Bills for Payment (\$548,250.91)**

*Councilor Box made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$548,250.91. This motion was seconded by Councilor Cuellar. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.*

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

*Rebuild Alabama Report*

**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**

*Sergei Kilic; 1319 Marion Drive*

*Jason Wiggins; Irondale Police Chief  
Judy Wilson; 3510 Belmont Road  
Mary Sherer; 5276 Amber Hills Road  
John Bivona; 1296 Shades Terrace  
Marty Schartz; 5540 Havenhill Road*

**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 2 be amended, items 6 and 12 be moved to the Regular Agenda, and the form of the agenda be approved. Councilor Sims seconded the motion. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.*

**XII. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only**

*Trip Umbach; 3131 Old Ivy Road  
July Wilson; 3510 Belmont Road  
Jack Wallace; 3112 Old Ivy Road  
Ms. Camille; 3128 Old Ivy Road  
Marty Schwartz; 5540 Havenhill Road  
Laura Kezar; 923 Iva Wood Road  
Mike Peters; 1133 Bryan Drive  
Csaba Vedlik; 5725 Belmont Drive  
Brian Hillsinger; 1125 Bryan Drive  
Barbara Money; 3136 Old Ivy Road*

**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-219 establishes a travel policy for all City of Irondale employees. *(Cuellar)*
2. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-01 approves public events for 2025. *(Mayor Stewart)*
3. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-02 allows the City of Irondale to participate in the 2025 “Severe Weather” Sales Tax Holiday beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, February 21, 2025 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, February 23, 2025. *(Mayor Stewart)*

4. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-03 authorizes the allocation of public funds to Irondale Middle School in the amount of \$2,620.91 to be used exclusively for the purchase of three “9 Square in the Air” games for use as a part of the Physical Education curriculum. The funding for this shall be as follows: \$2,120.91 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Mayor Stewart and \$500.00 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Sims. *(Mayor Stewart/Sims)*
5. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-04 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to purchase 2 regular size pitching mounds and 1 large pitching mound from Gulfstream AllStar Mounds for the Ruffner Park Sports Complex in an amount not to exceed \$8,950.00. *(Blankenship)*
7. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-06 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an agreement with RecDesk LLC for recreation management software for the Ruffner Park Sports Complex in an amount not to exceed \$3,600 as a prorated amount for the remainder of fiscal year 2024-25 and \$4,800.00 beginning with fiscal year 2025-26. *(Blankenship)*
8. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-07 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a lease agreement with Quadient Inc. for a term of thirty-six months in the amount of \$216.25 per month for a postage machine and related equipment at Irondale City Hall. *(Mayor Stewart)*
9. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-08 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an agreement with TextMyGov to provide texting and notification services related to City functions for citizens in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 per year for three years. *(Tolbert)*
10. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-09 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an agreement with Revize to provide website services for a one-time fee of \$18,750, and \$3,000 per year beginning with the second year of the agreement. *(Tolbert)*
11. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-10 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee to execute an agreement with Cline Tours for charter bus services for Senior Center programming in an amount not to exceed \$1,700.00. *(Wright)*

**XIV. Regular Agenda**

6. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-05 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to purchase concession equipment from Bresco, Inc. for the Ruffner Park Sports Complex in an amount not to exceed \$20,002.71. *(Blankenship)*

*Councilor Box made a motion that Resolution 2025-R-05 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.*

12. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-11 authorizes the expenditure of public funds in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 for attendance by Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr. at the State and Local Senior Executive Program at Harvard University. (Mayor Stewart).

*Councilor Sims made a motion that Resolution 2025-R-11 be approved. Councilor Box 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.*

13. **Public Hearing** – 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. (Mayor Stewart)

*Councilor Cuellar 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.*

For

Allan Williamson  
Alex Harvill

Against

Denise Wright; 2135 5<sup>th</sup> Terrace South  
Wesley Bailey; 2129 5<sup>th</sup> Terrace South  
Kim Hartley; 2304 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South  
Beth Albrighton; 2303 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South  
Rosemary Ferguson; 2224 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South  
Helen Poe; 420 South 23<sup>rd</sup> Street

*Councilor Spivey 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 2024-19 be postponed. Councilor Sims seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.*

14. **Second Reading** – Ordained, That Ordinance 2024-25 rezones the property located at 3127 Old Ivy Road, Irondale, Alabama 35210 from A-1 Agriculture District to E-1 Estate District. (Mayor Stewart)

*Councilor Cuellar made a motion that Ordinance 2024-25 be denied. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.*

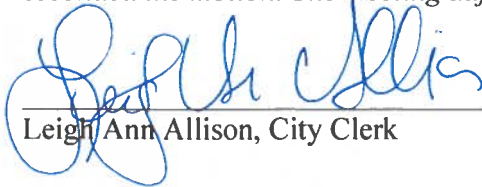
15. Ordained, That Ordinance 2025-01 authorizes the selection of Plan 2 with amendments for redistricting the City and authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to take all necessary steps to effectuate this selection. *(Sims)*

*Ordinance 2025-01 had a first reading.*

**XVI. Executive Session**

**XVIII. Adjournment**

*Councilor Cuellar made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilor Sims seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.*



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Leigh Ann Allison, City Clerk

Read and approved on the 21st day of January 2025.



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David Spivey, City Council President