

MINUTES
July 21, 2026
Irondale City Council Meeting - City Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

- I. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** – *Councilor Box 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
Aaron Sims
Erin Arnold
Robert Box

Absent

John London

- IV. Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on July 7, 2026.**

Councilor Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting held on July 7, 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilor Box. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously with Councilor Sims abstaining.

- V. Approval of Current Bills for Payment (\$748,707.33)**

Councilor Box made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$748,707.33 to be paid. This motion was seconded by Councilor Arnold. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.

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

- VII. Councilmembers, Standing Committees, or Special Committee Reports**

- A. David Spivey (Finance; Planning & Zoning)
- B. John London (Parks & Recreation; Public Works)
- C. Erin Arnold (Water Department; Library; Education & Youth)
- D. Robert Box (Senior Activity Center; Public Safety; Abatement Board)
- E. Aaron Sims (Judicial Ordinances; Economic Development; CDA/IDB)

- VIII. Public Comments to the Council on Non-Agenda Items** – *None*

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

Sherry Berry; Chamber of Commerce

- 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 5 be amended to reflect a total amount of \$4,000.00 and that the form of the agenda be approved, as amended. Councilor Sims seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.

XII. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only – None

XIII. Consent Agenda

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

1. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-140-A amends Resolution 2026-R-140 authorizing Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$357.00 per month with The Heil Co. d/b/a 3rd Eye for a subscription for the monitoring of camera equipment on six public works trucks. *(Pennington)*
2. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-144 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a service agreement with The Friends of the Irondale Public Library, Inc. for \$1,775 to be used for library programs, materials and community events that make reading and learning more accessible for all ages. The funding for this is as follows: \$1,075 from the FY25-26 Discretionary Funds of Councilor Aaron Sims and \$700.00 from the FY25-26 Discretionary Funds of Councilor John London. *(Sims/London)*
3. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-145 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart Jr., or his designee, to execute a service agreement with the Cahaba River Coalition in the amount of \$50,000 for the provision of recreational opportunities and community benefits to the citizens of Irondale through the protection and restoration of the Cahaba River. *(Mayor Stewart)*
4. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-146 accepts a grant from the State of Alabama Tourism Department in the amount of \$7,800.00 to assist with the expenses associated with the Irondale Music Festival. *(Tolbert)*
5. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-147 authorizes the allocation of \$4,000 to be used exclusively for Project Lifesaver: Irondale Swims. The funding for this is as follows: \$1,000 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Aaron Sims, \$1,000 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Robert Box, \$1,000 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Erin Arnold, and \$1,000 from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor David Spivey. *(Sims/Box/Arnold/Spivey)*
6. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-148 authorizes the allocation of \$4,248.79 to Shades Valley High School from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr. to be used exclusively for the Shades Valley High School Automotive Technology Division. *(Mayor Stewart)*

7. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-149 authorizes the execution of a quote with Farber Specialty Vehicles in the amount of \$196,803.28 for the outfitting of a Farber Sprinter Bookmobile for the Irondale Public Library. (*Mayor Stewart*)
8. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-150 changes the date of the City Council meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. to Thursday, August 6, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. due to the Back to School Rally. (*Mayor Stewart*)
9. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-151 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an agreement with Stephen Ward & Associates, Inc. for providing an analysis of exterior building components related to the Irondale Civic Center renovation project in an amount not to exceed \$18,750. (*Mayor Stewart*)

XIV. Regular Agenda

10. **Public Hearing** Ordained, That Ordinance 2026-22 rezones the property located at 4687 Appaloosa Drive, Irondale, Alabama 35210 from C-1 Commercial District to I-1 Light Industrial District. (*Cochran*)

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

For

Against

*Heather Flaherty; 1335 Montevallo Road
Trae Hawkins; 3728 Trillium Drive*

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 2026-22 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 2026-22 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 2026-22 be adopted. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

11. Ordained, That Ordinance 2026-23 amends Section 2(c) of Ordinance No. 804-89 related to the levy of sales taxes on the selling at retail of any automotive vehicle or truck trailer, semitrailer or house trailer. (*Mayor Stewart*)

Councilor Box made a motion that Ordinance 2026-23 be considered read. Councilor Arnold seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

Councilor Box made a motion that all rules that would prevent the immediate consideration of Ordinance 2026-23 be suspended. Councilor Arnold seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

Councilor Box made a motion that Ordinance 2026-23 be adopted. Councilor Arnold seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

XV. Executive Session

XVI. Adjournment

Councilor Arnold made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilor Sims seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.



Leigh Allison, City Clerk

Read and approved on the 6th day of August 2026.



David Spivey, City Council President