

MINUTES

May 6, 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
Aaron Sims
Cindy Cuellar
Robert Box

- IV. **Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on April 15, 2025.**

Councilor Sims made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on April 15, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilor Box. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.

- V. **Approval of Current Bills for Payment (\$836,392.65)**

Councilor Box made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$836,392.65. This motion was seconded by Councilor Sims. 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 (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**

*John Bivona; 1296 Shades Terrace
Judy Wilson; 3510 Belmont Road*

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 London made a motion that items 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 be moved to the Consent Agenda, and the form of the agenda be approved, as amended. Councilor Box seconded the motion. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.*

XII. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

Judy Wilson; 3510 Belmont Road

Teresa Green; 5524 Hunters Hill Road

Terri Johnson; 1504 Monticello Road

Mary Sherer; 5276 Amber Hills Road

Michelle Barclay; 1118 Karl Daly Trace

XIII. Consent Agenda

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

1. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-71 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a service agreement with Grace Klein Community, Inc. in the amount of \$3,500 for the provision of resources underprivileged and disadvantaged individuals in the community such as, but not limited to, the provision of food and clothing. *(Mayor Stewart)*
2. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-72 authorizes the allocation of public funds in an amount up to \$500.00 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor John London to be used exclusively for the Summer Screen Scene Movie night on May 23rd, 2025. *(London)*
3. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-73 authorizes the allocation of public funds in an amount up to \$500.00 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor John London to be used exclusively for relandscaping the entrance to the Stoneridge Neighborhood. *(London)*

4. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-74 authorizes the allocation of public funds in the total amount of \$1,000.00 from the FY 2024-25 Education budget to be used exclusively for educational purposes by Irondale Community School. *(Mayor Stewart)*
5. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-75 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a service agreement with the Cahaba River Society, Inc. in the amount \$50,000.00 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)*
6. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-76 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a service agreement with Jefferson County Greenways Foundation f/k/a Ruffner Mountain Nature Coalition in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the provision of recreational opportunities and community benefits to the citizens of Irondale through the protection and restoration of Ruffner Mountain. *(Mayor Stewart)*
7. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-77 authorizes the payment of a cash award in the amount of \$1,000.00 to certain City employees in recognition of such employees' exemplary performance as allowed by Alabama Code §11-40-22. *(Mayor Stewart)*
8. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-78 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to purchase fencing from Mr. Fence, L.L.C. for the Ruffner Park Sports Complex in an amount not to exceed \$1,995.00 *(Blankenship)*
9. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-102-A amends Resolution 2023-R-102 authorizing Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a lease agreement with Stonetown Irondale LLC for the property located at 111 Trailer Lane, Irondale, Alabama 35210 so that such property may be utilized for the duration of the City's Water Department Capital Improvement Project. *(Morris)*
22. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-89 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an agreement with Kadre Engineering LLC in an amount not to exceed \$22,700.00 for civil engineering professional services related to the pre-construction and construction of Irondale Fire Station #3. *(McDaniel)*
23. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-90 authorizes the purchase of 20 outdoor slatted steel trash cans from Global Equipment Company Inc. d/b/a Global Industrial for use at the Ruffner Park Sports Complex in an amount not to exceed \$13,511.00. *(Blankenship)*
25. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-92 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an agreement with CCE – Consulting Construction Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$8,120.00 for professional electrical engineering services for two new gateway projects. *(Mayor Stewart)*

26. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-93 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an agreement with Gonzalez Strength & Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$34,500.00 for professional services for the development of three miniature gateway monuments in the City of Irondale. *(Mayor Stewart)*
27. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-94 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an agreement with Gonzalez Strength & Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$23,500.00 for professional services for the development of the gateway monument at the roundabout, including fountain and water feature elements. *(Mayor Stewart)*
28. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-95 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an agreement with Landmark Aquatic in an amount not to exceed \$14,750.00 for aquatic design services for the new gateway to be located at the roundabout at Grants Mill Road and Old Leeds Road. *(Mayor Stewart)*
29. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-96 authorizes the allocation of public funds in the amount of \$2,100.00 to Shades Valley High School to be used exclusively for the Shades Valley High School Future Business Leaders of America. The source of this funding is as follows: \$700.00 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., \$700.00 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor John London, and \$700.00 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Aaron Sims. *(Mayor Stewart/London/Sims)*

XIV. Regular Agenda

10. Resolved, That Resolution 2024-R-219-A amends Resolution 2024-R-219 establishing a travel policy for City of Irondale employees. *(Mayor Stewart)*

Councilor Cuellar made a motion that Resolution 2024-R-219-A be denied. This motion did not receive a second. This motion failed.

Councilor Sims made a motion that Resolution 2024-R-219-A be approved. Councilor London seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with Councilors Spivey, Sims, Box and London voting in favor of the motion and Councilor Cuellar voting against the motion.

11. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-64-A amends Resolution 2024-R-64 that establishes a standardized procedure for appointing citizens to city boards. *(Cuellar)*

Councilor London made a motion that Resolution 2025-R-64-A be approved. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion failed with Councilor Cuellar voting in favor of the motion and Councilors Spivey, Sims, Box, and London voting against the motion.

12. Resolved, that Resolution 2025-R-79 approves the FY 2024-25 General Fund Budget Adjustment. *(Mayor Stewart)*

Councilor Box made a motion that Resolution 2025-R-79 be approved. Councilor Sims seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with Councilors Spivey, Sims, Box and London voting in favor of the motion and Councilor Cuellar abstaining.

13. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-80 approves the FY 2024-25 Capital Fund Budget Adjustment. *(Mayor Stewart)*

Councilor Box made a motion that Resolution 2025-R-80 be approved. Councilor Sims seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with Councilors Spivey, Sims, Box and London voting in favor of the motion and Councilor Cuellar abstaining.

14. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-81 approves the FY 2024-25 Water System Budget Adjustment. *(Mayor Stewart)*

Councilor Sims made a motion that Resolution 2025-R-81 be approved. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with Councilors Spivey, Sims, Box and London voting in favor of the motion and Councilor Cuellar abstaining.

15. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-82 approves the FY 2024-25 E-911 Fund Budget Adjustment. *(Mayor Stewart)*

Councilor Sims made a motion that Resolution 2025-R-82 be approved. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with Councilors Spivey, Sims, Box and London voting in favor of the motion and Councilor Cuellar abstaining.

16. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-83 approves the FY 2024-25 Court Fund Budget Adjustment. *(Mayor Stewart)*

Councilor Sims made a motion that Resolution 2025-R-83 be approved. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

17. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-84 approves the FY 2024-25 7 Cent Gas Fund Budget Adjustment. *(Mayor Stewart)*

Councilor Box made a motion that Resolution 2025-R-84 be approved. Councilor Sims seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

18. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-85 approves the FY 2024-25 4 & 5 Cent Gas Fund Budget Adjustment. *(Mayor Stewart)*

Councilor Box made a motion that Resolution 2025-R-85 be approved. Councilor Sims seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

19. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-86 approves the FY 2024-25 Rebuild Alabama Fund Budget Adjustment. *(Mayor Stewart)*

Councilor Box made a motion that Resolution 2025-R-86 be approved. Councilor Sims seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

20. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-87 accepts the audit for FY 2023-24. *(Mayor Stewart)*

Councilor Box made a motion that Resolution 2025-R-87 be approved. Councilor Sims seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with Councilors Spivey, Sims, Box and London voting in favor of the motion and Councilor Cuellar voting against the motion.

21. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-88 appoints two supernumerary members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. *(Allison)*

Councilor Box made a motion that Resolution 2025-R-88 be approved with the nomination of Mary Sherer and Trae Hawkins. Councilor Cuellar seconded this motion. A 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.

Councilor Cuellar made a motion that Resolution 2025-R-88 be approved with the nomination of Mary Sherer and Francesca Roscoe. Councilor Box seconded the motion. A 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.

Councilor Cuellar made a motion that Resolution 2025-R-88 be approved with the nomination of Mary Sherer and Heather Flaherty. Councilor Box seconded the motion. A 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.

Councilor Spivey made a motion that Resolution 2025-R-88 be approved with the nomination of Trae Hawkins and Heather Flaherty. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with Councilors Spivey, Sims, Box and London voting in favor of the motion and Councilor Cuellar voting against the motion.

24. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-91 establishes that the electronic vote counting devices used by Jefferson County, Alabama will be used by the City of Irondale, Alabama for the municipal election on August 26, 2025, and all subsequent municipal elections. *(Allison)*

Councilor Box made a motion that Resolution 2025-R-91 be considered read. Councilor Sims seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

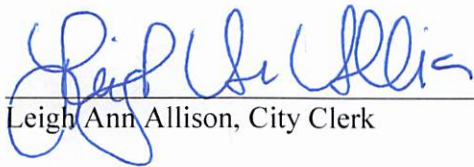
Councilor Box made a motion that all rules that would prevent the immediate consideration of Resolution 2025-R-91 be suspended. Councilor Sims seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

Councilor Box made a motion that Resolution 2025-R-91 be adopted. Councilor Sims 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 London made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilor Box seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.



Leigh Ann Allison, City Clerk

Read and approved on the 20th day of May 2025.



David Spivey, City Council President