MINUTES
November 4, 2026
Irondale City Council Meeting - City Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

I. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** – Pastor George D. Whitlock, III led the invocation and pledge.

II. **Call to Order –** The meeting was called to order by Council President Spivey at 6:05 p.m.

III. **Roll Call**

Present
David Spivey, Council President
John London
Aaron Sims
Erin Arnold
Robert Box

IV. **Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on October 20, 2026.**

Councilor Sims made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting on October 20, 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilor Arnold. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.

V. **Approval of Current Bills for Payment ($805,064.08)**

Councilor Box made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of $805,064.08 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**

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 to add Resolution 2026-R-262 as item number 18 on the Consent Agenda, to renumber the Regular Agenda items as 19 and 20 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 Box made a motion that the Consent Agenda be approved, as amended. Councilor Arnold seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.

1. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-244 rejects all bids received for the Beacon Park Project and authorizes the City to rebid the project in accordance with state law. *(Mayor Stewart)*

2. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-246 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to purchase a Stratton Generator for the Irondale Fire Station No.1 from Advanced Generator Technologies, LLC, in an amount not to exceed $24,150.00, and to execute any other documents necessary to complete the purchase. *(McDaniel)*

3. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-247 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to enter into an agreement The Jones Group, LLC to provide government affairs and strategic communication services in an amount not to exceed $6,500.00 per month, for a total amount not to exceed $78,000.00, plus any pre-approved reimbursable expenses, and to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the agreement. *(Mayor Stewart)*

4. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-248 declares that the weeds, overgrowth, and noxious vegetable matter on the premises located at 3520 Stonehenge Place, Irondale, Alabama 35210 creates a public nuisance and should be removed from such premises. *(Price)*

5. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-249 declares that the weeds, overgrowth, and noxious vegetable matter on the premises located at 3606 Bermuda Drive, Irondale, Alabama 35210 creates a public nuisance and should be removed from such premises. *(Price)*

6. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-250 accepts the bid from Empire Pipe & Supply Company, Inc. in the amount of $390,488.73 for the water main extension materials at Mercedes, Belle Ridge and Bainbridge and authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute any necessary documents with Empire Pipe & Supply Company, Inc. needed to effectuate this bid acceptance. *(Morris)*

7. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-251 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a Community Grant Agreement with the Jefferson County Commission in the amount of $1,500 for use at the Irondale Senior Activity Center. *(Wright)*

8. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-252 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Jefferson County Commission for disaster debris removal. *(Mayor Stewart)*

9. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-253 designates Leigh Allison, City Clerk, as the Authorized Representative for the filing of unclaimed property claims with the State of Alabama – Unclaimed Property Division on behalf of the City of Irondale and to execute any and all documents on behalf of the City related to such claims. *(Allison)*

10. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-254 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute vehicle schedules with Enterprise FM Trust, acting through its agent Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. for the lease of up to 38 vehicles. This Resolution further authorizes Mayor Stewart to surplus the vehicles identified in Exhibit A to the resolution. *(Mayor Stewart)*

11. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-255 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an agreement with Warren Averett, LLC in an amount not to exceed $5,000 per month, with a one-time onboarding fee of $6,000, for accounting services for the City. *(Mayor Stewart)*

12. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-256 declares certain personal property as not needed for public or municipal purposes and authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to dispose of the same via GovDeals. *(Morris)*

13. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-257 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a tax abatement agreement with Sandblast by Creative Concepts, Inc. related to the acquisition, development, construction, and installation of a major addition at its existing candy manufacturing facility on land located at 1500 Georgia Road, Irondale, Alabama with a total project capital investment of at least $3,785,000.00. *(Mayor Stewart)*

14. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-258 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an agreement with Placer Labs Inc. in the amount of $22,750.00 for marketing intelligence for economic development, events and parks within the City. (*Mayor Stewart*)

15. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-259 authorizes the securing of a permanent utility and access easement from Eternal World Television Network, Inc. to the City of Irondale for the installation of a waterline. *(Mayor Stewart)*

16. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-260 establishes an internal recycling program for all municipal buildings and at City-sponsored events. *(Arnold)*

17. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-261 authorizes the acceptance of the bid from Milam & Co., LLC in an amount not to exceed $2,678,045.00 for the renovations at Beacon Park and

for Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute any documents necessary to effectuate such bid acceptance. (*Mayor Stewart*)

18. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-262 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a twelve-month agreement with Tessa Commercial Real Estate for the Rails to River planning project in an amount not to exceed $150,000. (*Mayor Stewart*)

XIV. Regular Agenda

19. *First Reading* Ordained, That Ordinance 2026-30 amends Appendix A—Zoning of the Municipal Code to establish definitions, zoning classifications, conditional-use requirements, operating standards, and enforcement procedures for accessory, micro, medium, and hyperscale data centers. *(Mayor Stewart)*

    Ordinance 2026-30 had a first reading.

20. Ordained, That Ordinance 2026-31 amends Appendix B—Licenses and License Taxes of the Municipal Code to revise business-license requirements and fees for construction and building-trade businesses in accordance with Alabama Act 2026-437, codified as § 11-51-133 of the *Code of Alabama* (1975), and to repeal all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. *(Mayor Stewart)*

    Councilor Sims made a motion that Ordinance 2026-31 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 Sims made a motion that all rules that would prevent the immediate consideration of Ordinance 2026-31 be suspended. Councilor London seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of this motion.

    Councilor Sims made a motion that Ordinance 2026-31 be adopted. Councilor London 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 Sims seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Leigh Allison, City Clerk

Read and approved on the 17th day of November, 2026.

David Spivey, City Council President