

**MINUTES**  
**December 17, 2024**  
**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 6:00 p.m.*

**III. Roll Call**

**Present**

David Spivey, Council President  
Aaron Sims  
Cindy Cuellar  
Robert Box

**Absent**

John London, President Pro Tem

**IV. Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on December 3, 2024.**

*Councilor Cuellar made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on December 3, 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sims. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.*

**V. Approval of Current Bills for Payment (\$953,954.83)**

*Councilor Box made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$953,954.83, as amended. 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**

*Mary Sherer; 5276 Amber Hills Road*  
*Judy Wilson; 3510 Belmont Road*  
*Sheila Lewis; 5209 Cornell Drive*  
*Kim McDanal; 4025 Rock Ridge Road*

*Kimberly Myles-Stewart; 4030 Nichole Drive*

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

*John Schoen; Exchange Club*

**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 7 be amended to remove option A, item 8 be postponed, 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**

*Judy Wilson; 3510 Belmont Road  
Bishop Lowe; 3536 Bermuda Drive*

**XIII. Consent Agenda**

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

1. Resolved, That Resolution 2024-R-212 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a lease with an Irondale Police Officer in the amount of \$90.00 per month and other amounts noted therein for a certified police narcotics and tracking K-9 officer by the Irondale Police Department. *(Mayor Stewart)*
2. Resolved, That Resolution 2024-R-213 authorizes the expenditure of up to \$225,000.00 for the purchase of safety equipment and other safety devices for the Irondale Police Department. *(Mayor Stewart)*
3. Resolved, That Resolution 2024-R-214 increases the amount of military leave hours from 168 hours to 408 hours and authorizes the submission of this Resolution to the Personnel Board of Jefferson County. *(Mayor Stewart)*
4. Resolved, That Resolution 2024-R-215 authorizes the creation of a Physical Fitness Program for Police Department and Fire Department personnel and authorizes a compensation increase of 3% annually for those Police and Fire Department personnel that satisfy the requirements of the Physical Fitness Program. *(Mayor Stewart)*

5. Resolved, That Resolution 2024-R-216 acknowledges the creation of a Court Liaison/Desk Officer position in the Irondale Police Department. *(Mayor Stewart)*
6. Resolved, That Resolution 2024-R-217 acknowledges the creation of a Training Sergeant position in the Irondale Police Department. *(Mayor Stewart)*
7. Resolved, That Resolution 2024-R-218 authorizes the opening of Police Corporal as a classified position, whether one or many, through The Personnel Board of Jefferson County. *(Mayor Stewart)*
8. Resolved, That Resolution 2024-R-219 establishes a travel policy for all City of Irondale employees. *(Cuellar)*

*Item 8 was postponed by the City Council during the approval of the form of the agenda.*

9. Resolved, That Resolution 2024-R-220 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to make a payment in the amount of \$21,608.77 to Massey Asphalt Paving following the completion of paving and inspection by the City's Building Inspections Department to the work done on Grants Mill Parkway. *(Pennington)*
10. Resolved, That Resolution 2024-R-221 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an agreement with Slapppy Communications, LLC d/b/a IT Voice for the provision of fiber optic internet at the Irondale Civic Center in an amount not to exceed \$1,470.99 per month. *(Doss)*
11. Resolved, That Resolution 2024-R-222 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to purchase one (1) Chevrolet Equinox for the Irondale Public Library in an amount not to exceed \$25,829.00. *(Wilson)*

#### **XIV. Regular Agenda**

12. *Second Reading* – Ordained, That Ordinance 2024-22 authorizes the selection of Plan 2 for redistricting the City and authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to take all necessary steps to effectuate this selection. *(Mayor Stewart)*

*Councilor Cuellar made a motion that Ordinance 2024-22 be adopted. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion failed with Councilors Cuellar and Box voting in favor of the motion and Councilors Sims and Spivey voting against the motion.*

13. **Public Hearing** – Ordained, That Ordinance 2024-24 rezones the property located at 2101 5th Terrace South, Irondale, Alabama 35210 from R-2 Residential District to R-3 Residential Duplex 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.*

For

*Kyle Stigall; 2101 5th Terrace South  
Michelle Williams; 2105 5th Terrace South*

Against

*Jimmy Morgan; 503 Deering Street*

*Councilor Cuellar 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 2024-24 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 2024-24 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 2024-24 be adopted. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.*

14. **Public Hearing** – 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 Box made a motion to enter public hearing. Councilor Cuellar seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.*

For

*Ken Thompson; 4976 Heather Point*

Against

*Sam Perna; 3119 Old Ivy Road  
Gordon Black; 3123 Old Ivy Road  
Ashley Umbach; 3131 Old Ivy Road*

*Councilor Cuellar 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 2024-25 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 2024-25 be suspended. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion failed with Councilors Box, Sims and Spivey voting in favor of the motion and Councilor Cuellar voting against the motion.*

15. Ordained, That Ordinance 2024-26 modifies the Municipal Code of the City of Irondale, Alabama related to Chapter 4 – Buildings and Building Regulations. (Cochran)

*Councilor Sims made a motion that Ordinance 2024-26 be considered read. Councilor Cuellar seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.*

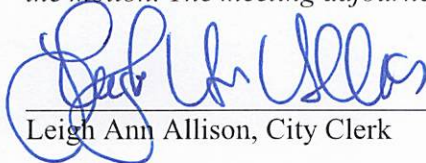
*Councilor Sims made a motion that all rules that would prevent the immediate consideration of Ordinance 2024-26 be suspended. Councilor Cuellar seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.*

*Councilor Sims made a motion that Ordinance 2024-26 be adopted. Councilor Cuellar seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.*

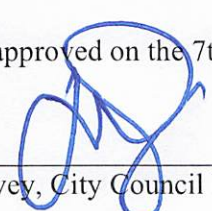
**XVI. Executive Session**

**XVIII. Adjournment**

*Councilor Box made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilor Sims seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.*

  
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Leigh Ann Allison, City Clerk

Read and approved on the 7th day of January 2025.

  
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David Spivey, City Council President