

MINUTES OF 07/08/2024 REGULAR MEETING

Irvine City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting on July 8, 2024.

Mayor James E. Gross called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Lee led the prayer and City Clerk, Felicia Campbell, led the pledge.

PRESENT: Mayor James Gross, Councilman Justin Abney, Councilman Billy Arthur, Councilman Tommy Bryant, Councilman Tim Burkhart, Councilman Kris Lee, and Councilman Aaron Raider.

Also present: Rodney Davis, City Attorney; Felicia Campbell, City Clerk; and John Sturniolo, Police Chief. Justin Patrick, Fire Chief was absent.

VISITORS PRESENT: Cathy Dawes.

GUEST(S) ADDRESSING COUNCIL:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

June 24, 2024 Minutes Approved

Minutes from the June 24, 2024 regular meeting were presented for review. Councilman Lee made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Burkhart seconded the motion. All present members voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bills Approved

City bills dated June 20 – July 3, 2024, were presented for review. Councilman Burkhart moved and Councilman Lee seconded the motion to approve the bills as presented. All present members voted yes.

Privilege License Approved – New Reflections Hair Salon

A Privilege/Business License was presented for New Reflections Hair Salon, located at 211 River Drive. The new owner is Jesse Barrett. Councilman Raider made a motion to approve the Privilege License and Councilman Bryant seconded the motion. All present members voted yes.

Privilege License Approved – Leaf Filter North, LLC

A Privilege/Business License was presented for Leaf Filter North, LLC. The owner, Brett Sinning indicated he hopes to do several jobs within the City limits. His company provides residential gutter protection and installation. Councilman Raider made a motion to approve the Privilege License and Councilman Lee seconded the motion. All present members voted yes.

Mayor Gross reported that he had received an email from the State regarding cannabis business operations. The email stated that all local governments, counties, and cities are automatically allowing cannabis business operations in their jurisdictions. The City must choose one of the following options:

1. Allow medical cannabis retail sales (do nothing)
2. Create an ordinance, prohibiting medical cannabis retail sales
3. Create an ordinance, establishing restrictions
4. Put the question of allowing cannabis business operations on the ballot

Following discussion, City Attorney, Rodney Davis suggested Council read KRS 218B.130. Mr. Davis will look at draft ordinances by Kentucky League of Cities.

Title Search Approved – 276 Turner Avenue

Mayor Gross reported that 276 Turner Avenue has a judgement lien against the property in the amount of \$3,510.63. Council asked City Attorney Davis what steps could be taken. Mr. Davis said the City could sell for the tax bill, which would be a 4-6 month process. The City could also do a foreclosure sell, which would entail fees. Mr. Davis suggested the first step should be a title search, because a clear title/deed would be necessary for either avenue. Councilman Burkhardt then made a motion to have a title search completed on 276 Turner Avenue. Councilman Arthur seconded the motion. All present members voted yes.

Filing Suit Approved - 133 Stevens Avenue

Mayor Gross reported that a nuisance letter, written by the Code Enforcement Officers, was delivered to Shermen Collins at 133 Stevens Avenue. The letter stated Mr. Collins is in violation of “Nuisance Conditions” and also in violation of the City’s Building Code. Mr. Collins has not attempted to comply with the instructions of the letter. Councilman Bryant made a motion to file suit against Mr. Collins. Councilman Burkhardt seconded the motion and all present members voted yes.

REPORTS:

1. Mayor Gross

- a. Had reviewed vehicle insurance coverage. Will call the insurance company to inquire about shifting nine (9) vehicles from full coverage to liability with comprehensive coverage.
- b. A 1999 GMC bucket truck had been purchased for the Street Department with Municipal Road Aid funds. The truck has already been used to trim trees in three (3) alleys.
- c. Spoke to Reuben Turner of Hinkle Contracting Company. Hopeful that Mr. Turner will come the end of the week to discuss blacktop projects. Hinkle did not fully complete the last contract. Attorney Davis said he would look at the contract to see if the previous quote would still be applicable.

2. City Attorney Rodney Davis

- a. Newcomb case has filed appeal. The City's brief is due within thirty days.

3. City Clerk/Treasurer Felicia Campbell

- a. Nothing.

4. Police Chief John Sturniolo

- a. Nothing.

5. Fire Chief Justin Patrick

- a. Absent.

6. Councilman Abney

- a. Nothing.

7. Councilman Arthur

- a. Glad steps were being made on neglected properties.

8. Councilman Bryant

- a. Asked if a quote to trim the tree on the corner of Main Street and River Drive had been obtained. Mayor Gross said he had been advised to use an arborist. He had called one, but had not received a call back.
- b. Had personally pressure washed three (3) buildings on Main Street. Made a huge difference.

9. Councilman Burkhart

- a. Welcome sign at Irvine/Ravenna line needs painting. Hoping the new bucket truck will allow that task to be completed.

10. Councilman Lee

- a. Nothing.

11. Councilman Raider

- a. Asked for a landscaping update. Councilman Bryant stated that Ms. Marcum had had equipment problems, but would resume trimming soon. Councilman Raider volunteered to serve on a Beautification committee. Would like to see more pride shown in the City.

Adjournment

Councilman Lee moved and Councilman Burkhart seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 P.M. All present members voted yes.

Mayor, James E. Gross

City Clerk/Treasurer, Felicia F. Campbell