

Minutes of 04/24/2023 Regular Meeting

Irvine City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting on April 24, 2023. 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 Billy Arthur, Councilman Tommy Bryant, Councilman Tim Burkhart, Councilman Kris Lee, and Councilman Aaron Raider. Councilmember Karen Hensley was absent.

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

Visitors Present: Cathy Dawes, Sam Hensley, Dwayne Tipton, Megan Addison, Allison Warren, Doris Renae Allen, Jason Allen, Abdul Aghil and Danny Biddle.

Guest(s) Addressing Council:

Abdul Aghil, representative of Kentucky Utilities addressed the Mayor and Council. Mr. Aghil reviewed the franchise renewal with Kentucky Utilities. The current franchise agreement was for ten years at a rate of 3%. Mr. Aghil requested the Council consider adopting a twenty (20) year franchise agreement with a rider to adjust rates every five (5) years.

Councilman Burkhart moved to approve the first reading of the franchise renewal ordinance at a 3% rate, twenty years, with the five-year rider. Councilman Bryant seconded the motion. All present members voted yes.

Laurel Street residents Dwayne Tipton, Megan Addison and Danny Biddle addressed the Council. The residents expressed their concerns about the possibility of “no parking” on Laurel Street. Residents had measured Laurel Street and other streets. According to their measurements, Laurel Street is as wide or wider than some surrounding streets. Other issues of concern discussed were: Speed limit, inability to have yard sales, deliveries, and increased alley traffic. Some suggestions by Councilmembers were to poll residents by mail, to have the Mayor and some councilmembers evaluate the street/parking, leave fire lane and allow parking as is. Councilman Lee made a motion to continue street parking. Councilman Bryant seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Councilman Arthur	no (inspection first)	Councilman Bryant	yes
Councilman Burkhart	yes	Councilman Lee	yes
Councilman Raider	yes (follow-up)		

Old Business:

Minutes from the April 10, 2023 regular meeting were presented for review. Councilman Arthur made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Raider seconded the motion. The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

Councilman Arthur	yes	Councilman Bryant	yes
Councilman Burkhardt	abstain (absent)	Councilman Lee	abstain (absent)
Councilman Raider	yes		

Councilman Burkhardt made a motion to table the Privilege/Business License for the Friend/Jones Mobile Home Park due to the City Attorney's absence. Councilman Lee seconded the motion and all present members voted yes.

Councilman Arthur moved and Councilman Lee seconded the motion to adopt Executive Order No. 23-01. The order would allow the Fire Chief, Police Chief and the Street & Sanitation Supervisor authority to suspend an employee until the Mayor could review the incident. All present members voted yes. (See insert)

Mayor Gross reported that an ad for City Hall roof replacement had been in the paper for two (2) weeks. Only one bid had been received. The bid was from BK Construction LLC. Bid included removal and cleanup of old roof, installation of 30-year warranty Owens Corning Dimension Shingle roof, new drip edge, underlayment, and vents. Wind resistance of 110 mph was quoted at \$28,000 and wind resistance of 130 mph quoted at \$30,200. Both had a five-year labor warranty. Councilman Burkhardt moved and Councilman Bryant seconded the motion to go with the \$30,200 quote. All present members voted yes.

New Business:

City bills were presented for review. Councilman Arthur moved and Councilman Burkhardt seconded the motion to approve the bills as presented. All present members voted to pay bills as presented.

Mayor Gross presented a business/privilege license application for Irvine Properties, LLC. The owner is Doris Renae Allen. She requests to operate 299 Main Street house as a short-term rental. Councilman Lee moved and Councilman Raider seconded the motion to approve the business license. All present members voted yes and wished the Allen's good luck.

Mayor Gross presented a business/privilege license application for Wildcat Electric & HVAC. The owner is Greg Underwood and the company is based in Winchester. Councilman Lee moved and Councilman Raider seconded the motion to approve the business license. All present members voted yes.

Mayor Gross then presented an invoice from Wildcat Electric & HVAC for an additional \$1,000 for electrical work done for the festival. The original bid was for \$2,250. A partial payment of \$1,250 was paid 04/17/2023. Mr. Underwood now requests an additional \$1,000. Councilman Bryant made a motion to withhold any extra monies. Following discussion, Councilman Bryant withdrew his motion and it was agreed to table the request until the City Attorney could advise.

Reports:

1. Mayor Gross

- a. Reported Fire Department is washing streets.
- b. Streets lines have been painted and festival tasks were assigned this week.

2. City Attorney Rodney Davis

- a. Absent.

3. City Clerk/Treasurer Felicia Campbell

- a. Representatives of Kentucky League of Cities will attend the May 22nd meeting to review the new Personnel Policy draft.

4. Police Chief John Sturniolo

- a. Reported that the outbuilding and surrounding rubbish had been removed on North Hudson.

5. Fire Chief Justin Patrick

- a. Absent.

6. Councilman Arthur

- a. Asked the Mayor about the support letter regarding the bridge walkway for Representative Wesley. Mayor Gross said Mr. Wesley would send him the address for the letter.

7. Councilman Bryant

- a. Volunteered to look at Laurel Street.

8. Councilman Burkhart

- a. Duplexes on Broadway look nice.

9. Councilmember Hensley

- a. Absent.

10. Councilman Lee

- a. Nothing.

11. Councilman Raider

- a. Nothing.

Councilman Lee moved and Councilman Burkhart seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. All present members voted yes.

Mayor, James E. Gross

City Clerk/Treasurer, Felicia F. Campbell