

Minutes of 11/14/2022 Regular Meeting

Irvine City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting on November 14, 2022. 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 Tommy Bryant, Councilman Tim Burkhart, Councilman Kris Lee, and Councilman James Woolery. Also present: Rodney Davis, City Attorney; Felicia Campbell, City Clerk; Justin Patrick, Fire Chief; and John Sturniolo, Police Chief. Councilman Billy Arthur and Councilman Justin Abney were absent.

Visitors Present: Cathy Dawes, Suzanne Waite, Rhonda Woosley, Amber Lee, Stacy Noland, Ellen Woolery, Chris Winkler and Sam Hensley.

Guest(s) Addressing Council:

Rhonda Woosley addressed the Council on behalf of her mother-in-law, Halley Woosley, regarding parking on Laurel Street. Ms. Woosley reiterated that her mother-in-law has no parking behind her home and their need to park on Laurel Street. Councilman Woolery recommended that the Mayor contact the Department of Transportation about taking control of Laurel Street and suggested other councilmen look at the location. The Mayor and Police Chief emphasized that there would not be a problem with family members or caretakers parking in the red zone long enough to pick up or drop off Mrs. Woosley. The Police Chief also said there was no problem with parking there long enough to unload groceries, etc., but asked that they pull their vehicle up the approximate 20 feet to be out of the red zone. The Mayor said he would contact the Department of Transportation and no action was taken.

Old Business:

1. Minutes from the October 24, 2022 regular meeting were presented for review. Councilman Bryant made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Councilman Lee seconded the motion. All present members voted yes.

New Business:

1. Councilman Lee moved, and Councilman Bryant seconded the motion to appoint Nancy Abney, Amber Lee, Stacy Noland, Chris Winkler and Ellen Woolery to the Board of Adjustments. City Attorney, Rodney Davis, explained that the motion should also include length of term assigned. Councilman Lee amended his motion to appoint to the Board of Adjustments as follows:

Nancy Abney	-	1 year
Amber Lee	-	2 years
Stacy Noland	-	1 year
Chris Winkler	-	3 years
Ellen Woolery	-	2 years

Councilman Bryant seconded the motion, with all present members voting yes.
2. City bills were presented for review. Councilman Lee moved and Councilman Bryant seconded the motion to approve the bills as presented. All present members voted yes.
3. Mayor Gross presented a business license request from Ashley Kirby, Ashley's Creations/East Main Boutique. Ms. Kirby's business is located at 108 E. Main Street and is a clothing/screen printing business. Councilman Lee made a motion to approve the application with Councilman Bryant seconding the motion. All present members voted yes.
4. A revised Business/Privilege Fee Schedule was presented for review. Following discussion, it was agreed to set the amount of mobile home parks at \$10 for each mobile home. Councilman Lee moved to draft an ordinance with the fee schedule as presented with revisions. Councilman Burkhart seconded the motion and all present members voted yes.
5. Mayor Gross asked the Council to declare three (3) base cabinets and countertop as surplus. The Mayor also requested the City donate the cabinets to the Lee County Ambulance Service. The Lee County Ambulance Service was affected by the flood. Councilman Bryant made a motion to declare the cabinets surplus and donate them to the Lee County Ambulance Service. Councilman Lee seconded the motion with all present members voted yes.
6. Mayor Gross discussed the need to revise the Personnel Policy. The current policy was adopted in 1993. Kentucky League of Cities quoted a professional fee of \$3,766 to revise the policy, bringing it in line with City Ordinances and making it legally compliant. Councilman Burkhart moved to accept the proposal. Councilman Bryant seconded the motion. All present members voted yes.

Other Reports:

1. Mayor Gross

- a. Shared a list of the Street & Sanitation Supervisor's duties.
- b. Informed the Council that the recent fires had delayed the "Star" repair. Repair of the Star should be completed before Thanksgiving.
- c. Electrician hired to repair GFI outlets on Main Street is waiting on parts, but should be able to complete repairs next week.

- d. Snowflakes will be put up before Thanksgiving.
 - e. Commended the Fire Department for their hard work and dedication during the recent fire outbreak.
- 2. City Attorney Rodney Davis**
- a. Executive session needed to discuss pending litigation.
- 3. City Clerk/Treasurer Felicia Campbell**
- a. Nothing.
- 4. Police Chief John Sturniolo**
- a. Share before/after photos of houses that had been addressed regarding nuisance violations. Asked the Council to remember this is a process, but gains had been achieved.
- 5. Fire Chief Justin Patrick**
- a. Reported approximately three (3) acres had been burned in the City limits during the fire outbreaks. He thanked the community for their support.
- 6. Councilman Abney**
- a. Absent.
- 7. Councilman Arthur**
- a. Absent.
- 8. Councilman Bryant**
- a. Nothing.
- 9. Councilman Burkhart**
- a. Nothing.
- 10. Councilman Lee**
- a. Street sign at South Hudson had not been installed.
- 11. Councilman Woolery**
- a. Encouraged other Council members to visit the Laurel Street location to assess the situation.
 - b. Asked that Main Street be cleaned up from the Post Office to the bridge.

Executive Session

At 8:00 P.M., Councilman Burkhart made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810, Subsection 1-C, pending litigation. Councilman Lee seconded the motion and all present members voted yes.

The meeting was called back in open session at 8:24 P.M. by a motion from Councilman Burkhart, seconded by Councilman Bryant. All present members voted yes.

A special meeting will be held November 21, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in order to have the first reading of the Business/Privilege License Fee Schedule Ordinance.

Councilman Lee moved and Councilman Bryant seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 P.M. All present members voted yes.

Mayor, James E. Gross

City Clerk/Treasurer, Felicia F. Campbell