

Minutes of 12/12/2022 Regular Meeting

Irvine City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting on December 12, 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 Justin Abney, Councilman Billy Arthur, Councilman Tommy Bryant, Councilman Tim Burkhart, and Councilman Kris Lee. Also present: Rodney Davis, City Attorney; Felicia Campbell, City Clerk; John Sturniolo, Police Chief and Justin Patrick, Fire Chief. Councilman James Woolery was absent.

Visitors Present: Aaron Raider, Karen Hensley, Sam Hensley, Suzanne Waite, Cathy Dawes, Susie Gross, Cody Beckler and Caitlin Beckler.

Guest(s) Addressing Council:

None.

Old Business:

1. Minutes from the November 28, 2022 regular meeting were presented for review. Councilman Lee made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Councilman Arthur seconded the motion. All present members voted yes.

New Business:

1. City bills were presented for review. Councilman Burkhart moved and Councilman Lee seconded the motion to approve the bills as presented. Mayor Gross said he had spoken to City Attorney Davis regarding Hinkle's bill. The bill had to be paid and Hinkle is still required to fulfill the contract. All present members voted to pay bills as presented.
2. A Business License request was presented from LTS Managed Technical Services. The company will be installing a satellite dish at 221 Broadway. Councilman Lee made a motion to approve the license. Councilman Abney seconded the motion and all present members voted yes.
3. City Clerk, Felicia Campbell, swore in the Mayor and all council members for the 2023 year.
4. Mayor Gross recommended that Mike Meade be appointed to continue serving on the Irvine Municipal Utilities' board. Councilman Bryant moved to accept the recommendation. Councilman Lee seconded the motion. All present members voted yes.

Reports:

1. Mayor Gross

- a. Informed Council that parts from two (2) disabled salt spreaders were used to create an additional working spreader. This was possible with the help of the Street & Sanitation employees, Police Chief, John Sturniolo and Fire Chief, Justin Patrick. Mayor Gross thanked the employees for their efforts.
- b. Reported that a fuse had blown on the “Star”, but it had been repaired.
- c. Mayor Gross thanked out-going councilmen Justin Abney and James Woolery for their willingness to serve the City. He presented Councilman Abney a certificate of appreciation. Councilman Woolery’s certificate will be mailed.

2. City Attorney Rodney Davis

- a. Nothing.

3. City Clerk/Treasurer Felicia Campbell

- a. Nothing.

4. Police Chief John Sturniolo

- a. Demonstrated a Smart Board that was donated to the City. Chief Sturniolo displayed photos of properties in violation of the nuisance ordinances. He also showed pictures of a Laurel Street home. Thanks to the smart board, Chief Sturniolo was able to show Council parking alternatives for the property in question on Laurel Street. The Chief said the smart board would allow both the gallery and the Council to see what was presented. It would also enable City Hall to be used as second command center, with the capability to monitor emergency situations in conjunction with other agencies.

5. Fire Chief Justin Patrick

- a. Thanked outgoing councilmembers Abney and Woolery for their service.

6. Councilman Abney

- a. Thanked the Mayor and Council for giving him the opportunity to complete Woody Tipton’s term. Councilman Abney said it had been a privilege and an honor to serve the City.

7. Councilman Arthur

- a. Thanked outgoing councilmembers Abney and Woolery for their service.

8. Councilman Bryant

- a. Also thanked outgoing councilmembers Abney and Woolery for their service and welcomed new members Karen Hensley and Aaron Raider.

9. Councilman Burkhart

- a. Also thanked outgoing councilmembers Abney and Woolery for their service.
- b. Asked if appraisal had been done on Main Street building. Mayor Gross said it had not been completed yet due to illness.

10. Councilman Lee

- a. Thanked Justin Abney and James Woolery for their service and wished the Council a Merry Christmas.

11. Councilman Woolery

- a. Absent.

Mayor Gross said due to the holidays, the next regular Council Meeting would be held January 9, 2023.

Councilman Arthur moved and Councilman Burkhart seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 P.M. All present members voted yes.

Mayor, James E. Gross

City Clerk/Treasurer, Felicia F. Campbell

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