

**CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
REGULAR CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
APRIL 16, 2014 8:30 AM**

Present: Mayor Eden, Commissioners Cummins, Hesse, and Vowels. City Attorneys Hays and Brammell were in attendance as legal council, City Administrator Eaton, Police Chief Minnis, Public Works Director Romine, Parks Director Truelock, and City Clerk Batliner. Guests: Todd Martin/Sentinel News and Mark McCall.

Absent: Commissioner Wise.

Mayor Eden called the meeting to order at 8:45 am.

Pledge.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from April 1, 2014 regular city meeting for approval and everyone was furnished a copy. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Cummins seconded.** Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Eden presented Ordinance #2014-004 pertaining to the 2014-2015 Budget for second reading and possible adoption. City Administrator Eaton read Ordinance # 2014-004. **Commissioner Cummins made the motion to accept second reading and adoption of the Ordinance #2014-004 pertaining to the 2014-2015 Budget. Commissioner Hesse seconded.** A roll call is as follows:

Commissioner Cummins-Yes

Commissioner Hesse-Yes

Commissioner Vowels-Yes

Commissioner Wise-Absent

Mayor Eden-Yes

Ordinance #2014-004 will become effective upon the publication in the Sentinel News.

Mayor Eden presented a Proclamation pertaining to Building Safety Month for approval and everyone was furnished a copy. Mayor Eden read the proclamation in its entirety. **Commissioner Cummins made the motion to authorize Mayor Eden to sign the Proclamation. Commissioner Hesse seconded.** Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Eden recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner Wise-Absent

Commissioner Cummins- had nothing at this time

Commissioner Vowels presented the financial reports for approval and everyone was furnished a copy. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the financial reports as presented. Commissioner Cummins seconded.** Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hesse - had nothing at this time.

Mayor Eden recognized the City Attorney's Report: City Attorney Hays stated the utility companies have requested a verbiage change to the gas and electric franchise agreements. Once he has received the revised agreements, and he has reviewed the revisions, he will forward them to City Administrator Eaton for placement on the agenda.

Mayor Eden recognized the City Attorney's Report: City Attorney Brammell had nothing at this time.

Mayor Eden recognized the City Administrator's Report: City Administrator Eaton had nothing at this time.

Mayor Eden recognized the Police Department's Report: Police Chief Minnis advised the following:

- Officers are now equipped with body cameras.
- Tasers will also be upgraded and equipped with high definition recording devices.

Mayor Eden recognized the Public Works Department's Report: Public Works Director Romine presented a letter requesting that Station Way and the Reserves Court be accepted as a City Street for approval and everyone was furnished a copy. **Commissioner Cummins made the motion to accept Station way and Reserves Court as City Streets. Commissioner Vowels seconded.** Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Eden recognized the Parks Department's Report: Parks Director Truelock requested permission from the City Commission to do the following:

- Permission to delay July 4, 2014 Red, White & Boom program until July 5th, 11th, 12th 18th and 19th in case of inclement weather on the 4th of July. **Commissioner Cummins made the motion to grant permission in case of inclement weather to move the Red, White, & Boom Program. Commissioner Hesse seconded.** Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Eden recognized the City Clerk's Report: City Clerk Batliner advised:

- Credit cards are being utilized.
- To date there are 3 delinquent 2012 property tax bills and 9 delinquent 2013 property tax bills.

Mayor Eden recognized guest Mark McCall: Mr. McCall shared a concern about individuals using the Todds Pointe Road to turn on US 60 improperly and asked if there were any future plans to create a turning lane. Mayor Eden stated that he hoped it would be widened as a result of the Downtown Project with a possible traffic signal added as well.

City Clerk Batliner requested a public hearing to hear comments for the 2014-2015 Road Aid be held May 6, 2014 at 6:45 pm. The Commission agreed.

Commissioner Vowels made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded approximately 9:05 am.

Debbie Batliner/City Clerk

Steve Eden/Mayor