

**CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
REGULAR CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
AUGUST 20, 2015 6:30 PM**

Present: Mayor Eden, Commissioners Cummins, Garland, Hesse, and Vowels. City Attorney Hays and Brammell were in attendance as legal council and City Clerk Batliner. Guests: Adam Borders.
Absent: City Administrator Eaton.

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Mayor Eden presented the minutes from August 6, 2015 regular city meeting for approval and everyone was furnished a copy. **Commissioner Cummins made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Vowels seconded.** Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Eden presented Ordinance #2015-004 pertaining to the 2015 Ad Valorem Rate for the second reading and possible adoption and everyone was furnished a copy. Mayor Eden read Ordinance #2015-004. **Commissioner Vowels made the motion to accept second reading and adoption of Ordinance #2015-004. Commissioner Hesse seconded.** A roll call is as follow:

Commissioner Garland-Yes

Commissioner Vowels-Yes

Commissioner Hesse-Yes

Commissioner Cummins-Yes

Mayor Eden- Yes

Ordinance# 2015-004 will become effective upon publication in the Sentinel News.

Mayor Eden recognized the Commissioner's Report:

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 Garland seconded.** Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Vowels advised at the last city meeting Mr. Ken Hudson complained about potholes on City Streets. Commissioner Vowels met with Mr. Hudson after the meeting and drove the city streets and explained the issues and plans to repair the streets. Commissioner Vowels and Mr. Hudson found two potholes on Links Drive, Commissioner Vowels explained that Links Drive has not been accepted into the City because of ongoing construction and developer must put the final coat of paving down before it is accepted into the City.

Mayor Eden advised Commissioner Vowels is correct, Links Drive is not a city street and that he has spoken with the Cardinal Club HOA President to share the City's plans on street paving. Mayor Eden also asked that the minutes reflect the road discussion during the City meeting consists of accepting bids, and contracts related to the Road Department. The roads are continuously accessed by the Public Works Department for repair needs.

Commissioner Garland inquired the traffic signal is not functioning as of yet. Mayor Eden advised the Project Engineer is waiting on the contractors; Mayor Eden contacted the Project Engineer to remind the contractor he was given 10 days to finish and that was 3 weeks ago. Mayor Eden expects it to be completed immediately and requested the project engineer to express that to the contractor.

Commissioner Hesse advised there were 2 sealed bids received August 19, 2015 for the Salt bin/Impound Lot Project which were from Prodigy Construction in the amount of \$246,500.00 and Advanced Paving in the amount of \$172,128.00. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the bid from Prodigy Construction for the Salt bin/Impound Lot Project and to authorize Mayor Eden to sign all documents pertaining to the project. Commissioner Cummins seconded.** Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hesse will provide a notice of award to Prodigy Construction.

Commissioner Cummins had nothing at this time.

Mayor Eden recognized Adam Borders. Mr. Borders had concerns of the roughness of US 60 and asked if it was going to be addressed by the state. Also, Mr. Borders had a concern that Dairy Queen Employees are stating that the restaurant tax is a mall tax. Mayor Eden will contact tourisms which collects the restaurant tax to make sure the restaurants understand the fees.

Mayor Eden advised:

- He did call the Transportation Cabinet to alter the timing of the Buck Creek/US 60 traffic light the issue has been addressed and corrected by the State Transportation Department.
- The Effluent Line project has a pump issue but hopes to close the project within a month.

Mayor Eden recognized City Attorney Hays Report: City Attorney Hays had nothing at this time.

Mayor Eden recognized City Attorney Brammell Report: City Attorney Brammell advised he will be out of town September 15-26 2015.

Mayor Eden recognized the City Administrator's Report: Absent. Mayor Eden advised City Administrator Eaton was on vacation, and that Mrs. Eaton had surgery and is doing well.

Mayor Eden recognized the City Clerk's Report: City Clerk Batliner advised property tax bills are ready to be mailed along with a letter from the Mayor explaining the decrease in the 2015 property tax rate.

Mayor Eden advised:

- He has asked the engineers to put a preliminary plan for the Phase III Sidewalk Project together for review but doesn't expect construction to start until 2017.

Mayor Eden recognized Commissioner Cummins: Commissioner Cummins had concerns of parking for the Fall Festival, suggested asking the mall for the use of one of their shuttles.

Commissioner Hesse made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cummins seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded approximately 7:45pm.

Debbie Batliner/City Clerk

Steve Eden/Mayor