

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
REGULAR CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
August 05, 2019
7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Vowels, Commissioners Emmons, Garland, Hesse & McDowell, City Attorney Hays as legal counsel, City Administrator Eden and City Clerk Miller.

Mayor Vowels called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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Mayor Vowels presented, for approval, the minutes from July 16, 2019 regular meeting. After review, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept minutes as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Vowels recognized the City Attorney's Report: No Report

Mayor Vowels recognized the City Clerk's Report: No Report

Mayor Vowels recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden shared with the Commission an update on House Bill 69 and passed along information received to Commissioner Emmons for her review.

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Parks Director Truelock, presented to the Commission, for approval, renter and user guidelines for the gymnasium. The guidelines are requested to help protect the new gym floor and will be added to any gym rental agreement. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the new gymnasium guidelines as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden also shared the following: Plans for the Commission to review the City's Nuisance Ordinance and Ethics Ordinance with possible updates; City received Census paperwork to be signed and returned for the 2020 Census; Need to inquire who is responsible for zoning approval of new roads in the City limit; With City Attorney's help, the City needs to update the fees and/or charges for open records request.

Mayor Vowels' Report:

Mayor Vowels presented to the Commission, for approval, an engineering proposal of \$27,000.00 from American Engineers, Inc. regarding a Todd's Point Sidewalk study. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the \$27,000.00 proposal from AEI. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Vowels presented to the Commission, for approval, an engineering proposal of \$14,000.00 from American Engineers, Inc. regarding a Simpsonville Recreation Center study. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to accept the \$14,000.00 proposal from AEI. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Vowels presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to reimburse City Administrator Eden \$50.00 per month for cell phone service. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the \$50.00 per month cell phone reimbursement for City Administrator Eden. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Vowels, on behalf of State Representative Rothenburger, presented to former Mayor Eden, a "Citation of Recognition" for his 25 years of service as Mayor of Simpsonville.

Mayor Vowels recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner Hesse (Sewer) –

Commissioner Hesse presented to the Commission, for approval, an estimate of \$5,485.00 from New Horizon Septic Excavating LLC for sewer line installation to new sewer tap on Just-a-mere Road. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the estimate from New Horizon Septic Excavating LLC for \$5,485.00. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Hesse presented to the Commission, for approval, the Purnell's Emergency Contract Agreement that would allow Purnell's to discharge treated effluent to the City sewer due to the unavailability of the lagoon or a disruption in the force main under agreed upon conditions. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the Purnell's Emergency Contract Agreement as presented. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner McDowell (Road) – No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) –

Commissioner Garland, along with Commissioner McDowell, presented to the Commission for review and discussion, a Police Pay Plan proposal. After discussion, City Administrator Eden agreed to work with City Attorney Hays to amend the City's previous employee compensation ordinance with plans to present at the next City meeting.

Commissioner Garland deferred to Police Chief Minnis for a safety update regarding the removal of a parking space on US 60, on the Westbound lane, East of the Huck's entrance, effective September 1, 2019. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to proceed with the removal of the parking space on US 60 East of the Huck's entrance. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) – No Report

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned approximately 7:36 pm.


Denise Miller/City Clerk


Cary T. Vowels/Mayor