

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE  
REGULAR CITY MEETING MINUTES  
CITY COMMISSION ROOM  
July 6, 2020  
7:00 PM

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

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

Pledge

Mayor Vowels presented, for approval, the minutes from June 16, 2020 special called city meeting. After review, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept minutes as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Oath of Office for Human Rights Commission appointee, Shauna Cook, was administered by Mayor Vowels.

Mayor Vowels recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) – No Report

Commissioner Hesse (Sewer) – No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) –

Commissioner Garland presented to the Commission, on behalf of Chief Minnis, the recommendation to hire William Reece Bors, effective August 3, 2020, to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Officer Kuhlman. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to hire William Reece Bors, effective August 3, 2020. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Garland presented to the Commission, on behalf of Chief Minnis, Police Officer DeSoto's letter of retirement effective August 31, 2020. **Commissioner Emmons made the motion to accept the letter of retirement from Police Officer DeSoto. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Garland presented to the Commission, on behalf of Chief Minnis, the recommendation for Officer Christopher Kyle Lucas to fill the position of Patrol Sergeant. Officer Lucas would assume new responsibilities at the end of August 2020. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the recommendation to promote Officer Lucas to Sergeant effective end of August 2020. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) – No Report

Mayor Vowels' Report:

Mayor Vowels presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation from RSA Advisors to accept the proposal from Old National Bank, with a fixed rate of 1.35%, for the financing of the 2018 Sewer Project. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the proposal request from RSA as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Vowels recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Hays shared information regarding a GPS policy and a False Alarm Ordinance for consideration by the City Commission at a future meeting, requesting input from the Commission.

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

Mayor Vowels recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission Ordinance #2020-008 pertaining to an amendment of Ordinance #2018-003 regarding Sewer Security Deposit Fees. City Administrator Eden read the ordinance in its entirety. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance #2020-008. Commissioner Emmons seconded. A roll call vote is as follows:**

**Commissioner Emmons - Yes**

**Commissioner Garland - Yes**

**Commissioner Hesse - Yes**

**Commissioner McDowell - Yes**

**Mayor Vowels - Yes**

Ordinance #2020-008 will be effective upon publication in the Sentinel News.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the quote from Willis Klein of \$14,938 for access control replacement in City Hall. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the quote of \$14,938 from Willis Klein. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the engagement letter from RWH CPA Firm to compile and present all adjustments necessary in preparation of the City's Annual Budget Audit as of June 30, 2020, for a fixed fee of \$4,500. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the engagement letter as presented. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a Special Event Application received from the Bluegrass Outlet Shoppes CMBS, LLC regarding traditional drive-In movies, referred to as Horizon Drive-In, to be offered weekly July – October 31, 2020. Once event has been approved, a copy of Liability Insurance will be provided by Bluegrass Outlet Shoppes CMBS, LLC. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the event as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, on behalf of Chief Minnis, a request to authorize Chief Minnis to begin the hiring process to fill the position of retiring Officer DeSoto. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to authorize Chief Minnis to begin the hiring process for DeSoto's replacement. Commission McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded.  
Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 7:48 pm.**

  
Denise Miller/City Clerk

  
Cary T. Vowels/Mayor