

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
REGULAR CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
August 18, 2020
7:00 PM

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

Absent: Commissioner Garland

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

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Mayor Vowels presented, for approval, the minutes from August 3, 2020 city meeting. After review, **Commissioner Emmons made the motion to accept minutes as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Vowels recognized Greg Butler, Republic Services Municipal Sales Manager, for questions and answers regarding a proposed rate of \$14.90 per unit, that falls within the boundaries of the contract, an increase of \$.26 for Single-Family Unit and \$6.76 for Multi-Family Unit (Condos) effective September 1, 2020. The Commission was furnished a copy of the presentation at the August 3 meeting. After discussion, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the trash rate increase as presented along with two service routes for continued same day service. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Vowels recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) – No Report

Commissioner Hesse (Sewer) – No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) – Absent

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) –

Commissioner Emmons presented to the Commission Ordinance #2020-010 pertaining to the 2019-2020 budget amendment. Commissioner Emmons read the 2019-2020 budget changes. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the second reading and adoption of Ordinance #2020-010. Commissioner McDowell seconded. A roll call vote is as follows:**

Commissioner Emmons - Yes

Commissioner Garland - Absent

Commissioner Hesse - Yes

Commissioner McDowell - Yes

Mayor Vowels - Yes

Ordinance #2020-010 will be effective upon publication in the Sentinel News.

Commissioner Emmons presented the July Financial Reports. No discussion. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Vowels' Report: No Report

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

Mayor Vowels recognized the Board 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 presented to the Commission, for approval, Resolution #2020-006 pertaining to the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) reimbursement of expenses incurred by the City due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve Resolution #2020-006 pertaining to CRF. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

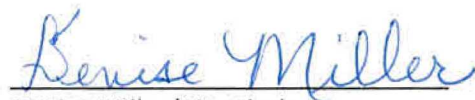
City Administrator Eden, pursuant to Ordinance #2011-001 and due to COVID-19, presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to not increase sewer rates for 2020. **Commissioner Emmons made the motion to have no sewer rate increase for the current 2020-2021 fiscal year. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission Ordinance #2020-011 pertaining to the Ad Valorem Tax. City Administrator Eden read the ordinance in its entirety. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #2020-011. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Ordinance #2020-011 will be placed on the September 8, 2020 meeting agenda for the second reading and possible adoption.**

City Administrator Eden requested the Commission to confirm the September meeting calendar. After discussion, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to cancel the second meeting of September and schedule a special called meeting Tuesday, September 22 at 7pm, to be held in the gym. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Oath of Office for Police Officer Sterling Johnson was administered by Mayor Vowels.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 7:43 pm.


Denise Miller/City Clerk


Scott McDowell/Mayor Pro Tem