

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
REGULAR CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
October 5, 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.

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Mayor Vowels presented, for approval, the minutes from September 15, 2020 city meeting, September 22, 2020 public hearing and September 22, 2020 special called city meeting. After review, **Commissioner Emmons made the motion to accept minutes as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Vowels recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Hays presented to the Commission Ordinance #2020-012 pertaining to a zone classification change from Medium Density Residential District (R-3) with PUD-S to Multi Family Residential (R-4) on two (2) tracts of land on Old Veechdale Road. City Attorney Hays read the ordinance in its entirety. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the second reading and adoption of Ordinance #2020-012. 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 #2020-012 will be effective upon publication in the Sentinel News.

Mayor Vowels recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) – No Report

Commissioner Hesse (Sewer) –

Commissioner Hesse presented to the Commission, for approval, JODA International Inc.'s Change Order #1 for additional upgrades to the 2020 Sewer Project. Upgrades include a new road to the rest area pump station, new trash screen at the existing sewer plant, and an upgrade from asphalt to concrete around the new pump station. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve Change Order #1 for \$259,300.00 and to authorize the Mayor to sign necessary documentation. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) –

Commissioner Garland presented to the Commission Police Officer Chase Dewitt's letter of resignation effective October 1, 2020. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to accept the letter of resignation**

from Police Officer Chase Dewitt effective October 1, 2020. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Garland presented to the Commission, on behalf of Chief Minnis, the recommendation to hire David Patterson, effective October 19, 2020, to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Officer Dewitt. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to hire David Patterson, effective October 19, 2020. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Garland presented to the Commission, on behalf of Chief Minnis, a request for approval to hire a temporary officer, up to six months, to cover while another officer is out on medical. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to allow Chief Minnis to hire a temporary officer for up to six months. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Garland recognized Chris Truelock, Parks & Recreation Director, regarding Simpsonville Sports Advisory Council Board recommendations. Park Director Truelock presented to the Commission, for approval, the following Sports Advisory Council Board recommendations: Brian Aldridge, Chanelle McGee, Sarah Clinton, Kara Turoso, Amanda Harris, Kelly Nelson, Rachael Wilmoth (secretary as per by-laws). **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the seven recommendations for the Simpsonville Sports Advisory Council Board. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) –

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

Mayor Vowels' Report:

Mayor Vowels offered comments on the following:

Local Business owner interested in creating a Simpsonville Small Business Association; Mayor Vowels will reach out to a neighboring city's mayor regarding guidelines for mobile food vendors; Halloween will be patrolled by Simpsonville's Law Enforcement from 5pm – 8pm October 31.

Mayor Vowels recognized the City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Miller reported that 2020 Property Tax Bills for the City of Simpsonville have been mailed and are due, without penalty, November 30, 2020, and responsibility of homeowner to forward to their mortgage holder for escrow payments.

Mayor Vowels recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, Resolution #2020-007, pertaining to the adoption of the City's Cafeteria Plan with Colonial Life. City Administrator Eden stated this is employee paid only. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve Resolution #2020-007. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a donation request from Simpsonville Baptist Church for the Christmas Village Toy Store. City Administrator Eden recommended a \$100 donation. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to issue a \$100 donation to Simpsonville Baptist Church Christmas Village Toy Store. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

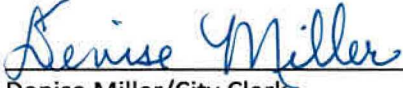
City Administrator Eden shared with the Commission the need for discussion regarding the Simpsonville Police Department relocation consideration and options.

City Administrator Eden provided an update on the following:

Rolling Ridge street sign project complete, remainder sidewalks to be poured, sidewalk cosmetic repair still needs to be completed; Water line project to the storage shed is complete; Street planters will be replaced with seasonal banners by the end of the month.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Emmons seconded.

Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 8:07 pm.


Denise Miller/City Clerk


Cary T. Vowels/Mayor