

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
REGULAR CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
November 17, 2020
7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Vowels, Commissioners Emmons, Garland, Hesse & McDowell, City Attorney Hays as legal counsel, Board Attorney Brammell, 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 October 20, 2020 city meeting. After review, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept minutes as presented. 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) –

Commissioner Garland shared an update from Park Director Truelock regarding the league sports and other Park sponsored events; Park Director Truelock will be in the next Leadership Shelby class.

Commissioner Garland presented to the Commission, on behalf of Chief Minnis, the recommendation to hire Ethan Southard, effective November 23, 2020, to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Officer Bors. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to hire Ethan Southard, effective November 23, 2020. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Garland presented to the Commission, on behalf of Chief Minnis, to reconsider, due to lack of interest, previous approval for a temporary officer position and approve an additional permanent full-time position. If approved, the recommendation would be to hire John Grissom. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to allow Chief Minnis to hire John Grissom as a permanent full-time officer. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) –

Commissioner Emmons presented the October Financial Reports. September financial reports were provided for reference. No discussion. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Vowels' Report:

Mayor Vowels presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to appoint Ronnie Sowder to a 4-year term, beginning January 1, 2021 ending December 31, 2024, with the Triple S Planning and Zoning Board replacing Jake Smith who declined re-appointment after 38 years of service representing the City of Simpsonville. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to appoint Ronnie Sowder to the Triple S Planning and Zoning Board with term ending December 31, 2024. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Vowels presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to appoint Joey Budd as the City's Representative on the Triple S Board of Adjustments & Appeals for the unexpired term of Ronnie Sowder beginning January 1, 2021 ending April 30, 2022. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to appoint Joey Budd to fill the unexpired term of Ronnie Sowder as the City of Simpsonville's Representative on the Triple S Board of Adjustments & Appeals with term expiring April 30, 2022. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Vowels recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Hays presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to authorize City Clerk Miller to file and sign all small claims court documents regarding Inspirations Child Care's delinquent taxes. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to authorize City Clerk Miller to file and sign all small claims court documents regarding Inspirations Child Care's delinquent taxes. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

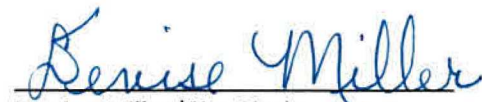
Mayor Vowels recognized the City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Miller shared the following: Property tax bills, to avoid penalty, are due November 30; Sewer/Trash delinquent letters have been mailed with regards to past due bills from April to October with a December 9th deadline to establish a payment plan since disconnection due to lack of payment has been reinstated.

Mayor Vowels recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden shared the following: Rolling Ridge sidewalk project is complete; New gym doors and locks will be installed once backordered items have been received; City will submit final CARES Act request for 2020; Request to recognize, in January 2021, Jake Smith for his years of service on the Triple S Planning & Zoning Board; Sewer project projected to begin December 1; City audit scheduled to be presented at the December 15th meeting.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 7:29 pm.


Denise Miller/City Clerk


Cary A. Vowels/Mayor