

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
REGULAR CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
December 15, 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 November 17, 2020 city meeting. After review, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept minutes as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Vowels recognized Lee Ann Watters, with Mountjoy Chilton Medley, to present the June 30, 2020 audit report and everyone was provided a copy. Ms. Watters reported that the City received a clean unmodified opinion. After presentation, Mayor Vowels stated the Commission would take time to review and present for approval at the next meeting, January 4, 2021.

Mayor Vowels recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) – No Report

Commissioner Hesse (Sewer) – No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) –

Commissioner Garland called on Park Director Truelock. Park Director Truelock shared with the Commission the effect COVID-19 has had on the Park department. After discussion, Park Director Truelock, made the request to approve an additional \$50 cleaning/disinfecting fee to facility rentals and to be authorized to reclassify, if needed due to lack of programs, the Facility/Program Coordinator's position from full-time to part-time, during the 6-month period of January 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2021. **Commissioner Emmons made the motion to give Park Director Truelock the authority to reclassify the Facility/Program Coordinator's position as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) –

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

Commissioner Emmons presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to move excess funds from the City's General Fund I Operating account. City Administrator Eden shared, after receiving options, CB&T currently had the best option. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to move \$400K from City's GFI account to CB&T. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Emmons presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to re-allocate bond money from the City Fund to the Sewer Fund to offset 2018/2020 Sewer Project expenses.

Commissioner Garland made the motion to re-allocate bond money from the City Fund to the Sewer Fund for the 2018/2020 Sewer Project. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Vowels' Report: No Report

Mayor Vowels recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Hays shared that the small claims action toward Inspiration's Child Care regarding delinquent taxes had been completed.

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

Mayor Vowels recognized the City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Miller shared that 6% of 2020 Property tax bills remain unpaid.

Mayor Vowels recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the request to secure 5253 Design Group regarding Simpsonville Police Station relocation. After discussion, **Commissioner Garland made the motion to secure 5253 Design Group, maximum \$8K, to provide recommendation and plans regarding Simpsonville Police Station relocation. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

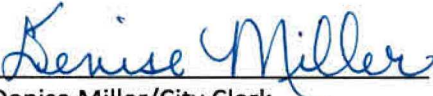
City Administrator Eden shared the following: City submitted final request for first round of CARES Act; City was also awarded a second round of CARES Act and did submit request; Request to recognize, in January 2021, Jake Smith for his years of service on the Triple S Planning & Zoning Board; Sewer project projected to begin mid-January.

The Oath of Office for Commissioners Emmons, Garland, Hesse & McDowell was administered by Mayor Cary T. Vowels.

The Oath of Office for Triple S Planning & Zoning Board Appointee Ronnie Sowder was administered by Mayor Cary T. Vowels.

The Oath of Office for Triple S Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals Appointee Joey Budd was administered by Mayor Cary T. Vowels.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 8:02 pm.


Denise Miller/City Clerk


Cary T. Vowels/Mayor