

CITYOFSIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
JANUARY 3, 2023
7 PM

Present: Mayor Sowder, Commissioners Emmons, Garland, Hesse & McDowell, City Attorney Hays, City Administrator Eden, City Clerk Miller.

Mayor Sowder called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

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Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from December 20, 2022 city meeting. After review, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept minutes as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder made the recommendation to not change current appointments, keeping Commissioner Scott McDowell as Mayor Pro-Tern, Commissioner Emmons over Finance, Commissioner Garland over Parks & Police, Commissioner Hesse over Sewer, and Commissioner McDowell over Roads. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to accept the Mayor's appointment recommendations as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized Park Director Chris Truelock regarding the bid opening for Phase II of the Playground Project. One bid was received, and a copy of the bid was furnished. Park Director Truelock made the recommendation to accept, the only bid submitted, by Bluegrass Recreation Sales and Installation for \$103,055.30 and to authorize the Mayor to sign documents. After discussion, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the bid in the amount of \$103,055.30 from Bluegrass Recreation Sales and Installation. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) -

Commissioner McDowell shared the new salt spreader was installed and used during the weather event.

Commissioner Hesse (Sewer) -

Commissioner Hesse shared that a Kenvirons' representative will be at the February 6 meeting to provide an update on the sludge press project.

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) -

Commissioner Garland shared the following: Parks basketball and cheer are maxed out with a wait list; Spring soccer registration to begin Jan. 20; Farmers' Market taking applications; Discussion needs to begin regarding another facility to accommodate maxed out leagues.

Commissioner Garland also inquired about the possibility, or need, of a fund that would allow residential areas to request assistance with replacing/updating signage. City Administrator Eden shared that can be discussed during the budget process.

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) - No Report

Mayor Sowder's Report:

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to appoint Paula Garner to fulfill his unexpired 4-year term ending December 31, 2024 with the Triple S Planning and Zoning Board representing the City of Simpsonville. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to appoint Paula Garner with Triple S Planning and Zoning Board to fulfill Mayor Sowder's unexpired term ending December 31, 2024. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Oath of Office for Triple S Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals Appointee Paula Garner was administered by City Clerk Miller.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Hays shared an ordinance regarding the Marshall property annexation request and zoning change approval should be ready for the first meeting in February for first reading.

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

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden shared the following: Today was Police Administrative Assistant Dale Froehlich's first day on the job today; Republic Services trash contract needs to be renewed; Environmental review in process regarding the Todd's Point Road Sidewalk Project; Received updated Moody rating with an improved score.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 7:37 pm.


Denise Miller/City Clerk


Ronnie Sowder/Mayor