

CITYOFSIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
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JANUARY 17, 2023
7 PM

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

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

Pledge

Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from January 3, 2023 city meeting. After review, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept minutes as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized Bob Melton with Simpsonville Baptist Church Mission Team who shared an opportunity for the community referred to as "Neighbors Helping Neighbors." City of Simpsonville would be asked for their assistance to recognize families in need of help with home/property improvements. City of Simpsonville would not be asked to provide any financial or manual assistance with any project. Bob shared they would like to begin this summer with a few families.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) -

Commissioner McDowell shared the streetscape has been cleaned and flags and flowers will be on poles by May 29.

Commissioner Hesse (Sewer) - No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) -

Commissioner Garland shared Park's registration is open for 2nd season hoops, spring soccer, coachpitch/tball; Reminder that sales tax is now incorporated in all registration fees with no fee increase; Farmer's Market will be open May 20 - October 28.

Commissioner Garland shared for Police that Police Chief Minnis has begun the search for Office Sasser's replacement.

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) -

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

Mayor Sowder's Report:

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, an updated Building Inspector Contract for Barry Edington. The contract will now be renewed every two years, at the beginning of the Commission's new term. City Administrator Eden will meet with Barry Edington regarding agreement of fees in contract. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the Building Inspector Contract with Barry Edington and for the Mayor to sign. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder shared the following: Asked City Administrator Eden to talk to AT&T regarding FirstNet and share report next month; Would like to review comp time for exempt employees; Would like to implement exit interviews; Plan to meet with County Judge Executive Ison and City Administrator Eden to discuss lease regarding EMS.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

Hite Hayes -

City Attorney Hays shared the City's Transient Tax Ordinance needs to be amended and will be presented at next meeting.

City Attorney Hays presented to the Commission, for approval, a civil action suit with a city business for failure to pay taxes needing City Clerk's signature. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to authorize the City Clerk to sign the civil action suit. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Attorney Hays presented to the Commission, for approval, to proceed with the bid process for City residential trash service. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to authorize City Attorney Hays to proceed with the trash bid process. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chelsey Brammell-

City Attorney Brammell shared she finalize Ray property annexation once she receives mapping documents from surveyor.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Miller presented to the Commission, for approval, a list of items to surplus from Administration and Sewer departments. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the surplus list as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to update the City's bank signature cards by adding Mayor Sowder with City Administrator Eden, City Clerk Miller, and Commissioner McDowell as Mayor Pro-tern. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the recommendation as presented. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden shared the following: Comprehensive Plan meeting Wednesday; Public Works tow motor needs to be replaced, will be added to next year's budget.

Closed Session:

Mayor Sowder called for a closed session to discuss future land acquisition of real property based on KRS 61.810(l)(b). **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to enter in closed session 7:48 pm. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Hesse made the motion to return from closed session 8:02 pm. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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


Denise Miller/City Clerk


Ronnie Sowder/Mayor