

CITYOFSIMPSONVILLE  
CITY MEETING MINUTES  
CITY MEETING ROOM  
APRIL 18, 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.

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Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from April 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 ShelbyKY Tourism President & CEO Janette Marson, who offered an update on the following: Janette is meeting with travel writers in preparation of an article in USA Today spotlighting a few businesses in Simpsonville; Met with City officials to determine a location for the Black History Trail Hologram sign paid with ARPA funds; Marketing Director Mason Warren is back with ShelbyKY Tourism.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) -

Commissioner McDowell presented, on behalf of PW/Park Director Truelock, the following: Downed trees have been removed; Flowers have been planted in the hanging pots for the Streetscape; Mulch has been spread.

Commissioner Hesse (Sewer) - No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) -

Commissioner Garland presented, on behalf of PW/Park Director Truelock, the following: Still taking registrations for summer programs, Sports Shorties, Summer Futsal, Summer Hoops, Daddy & Me Dance; Park restrooms now open daily from dawn to dusk; The BOOM! is scheduled for July 4<sup>th</sup> with details coming.

Commissioner Garland called on Police Chief Minnis who shared an update regarding the School Resource Officer agreement being placed on hold by Shelby County Schools' Central Office until further notice.

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) -

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

Commissioner Emmons presented to the Commission Ordinance #2023-003 pertaining to the 2023-2024 Budget. Commissioner Emmons read the ordinance in its entirety. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept Ordinance #2023-003 for the first reading. Commissioner Garland seconded. Ordinance #2023-003 will be placed on the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting agenda for the second reading and possible adoption.**

Commissioner Emmons presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to reinvest \$855K +/- with Traditional Bank, placed in a CDARS account. These funds were previously held in a CDARS account with CB&T but changed to a regular business checking account during the bank transition to SYB. This change would earn more interest but still allow for easy accessibility to the funds. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve moving \$855K to Traditional Bank, as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder's Report: No Report

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Hays-

City Attorney Hays shared he received confirmation the Marshall property annexation was approved so he will now file with the County Clerk.

City Attorney Hays presented to the Commission Ordinance #2023-002 pertaining to a cable franchise with Spectrum Mid-America LLC, locally known as Charter Communications. City Attorney Hays read the ordinance in summary. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to accept the second reading and adoption of Ordinance #2023-002. Commissioner Emmons seconded. A roll call vote is as follows:**

**Commissioner Emmons - Yes**

**Commissioner Garland - Yes**

**Commissioner Hesse - Yes**

**Commissioner McDowell - Yes**

**Mayor Sowder - Yes**

Ordinance #2023-002 will be effective upon publication in the Sentinel News.

City Attorney Brammell - No Report

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Miller shared the Public Hearing for Road Fund will be Monday, May 1, 2023, 6:45pm.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a safe deposit contract for the box at Stock Yard Bank and to authorize the Mayor to sign and approve City Administrator Eden and City Clerk Miller to also have access to the box. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign contract and to add, for access, City Administrator Eden and City Clerk Miller. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden also shared the following: RSA helped to file the ARPA report due end of April; The BOOM! sight has been secured; Leadership Shelby requested a representative from Simpsonville attend this year's class and Chris Truelock was approved; Leadership Shelby will be at Little Mount Lavender Thursday at 3:30, due to Mayor's unavailability Steve will attend in his place.

**Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned 7:39 pm.

  
Denise Miller/City Clerk  
Ronnie Sowder/Mayor