

CITYOFSIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
MAY 16, 2023
7 PM

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

Absent: Commissioner Emmons

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

Pledge

Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from May 1, 2023 regular city meeting. After review, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept minutes as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from May 1, 2023 public hearing. After review, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept minutes as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized Independence Bank Shelbyville President - Loan Officer, Brian Webb, who along with Vice President - Loan Officer, Matt Burgin, shared banking opportunities for the City of Simpsonville.

ShelbyKY Tourism President & CEO Janette Marson unable to attend.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) - No Report

Commissioner Hesse (Sewer) - No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) -

Commissioner Garland presented to the Commission the recommendation to authorize the Mayor to sign the School Resource Officer (SRO) Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) at the May 25, 2023 Shelby County School Board meeting allowing the Simpsonville Police Department to fill the SRO position at Simpsonville Elementary for the 2023/2024 school year, as per the agreement.

Commissioner Garland made the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the SRO MOU at the May 25, 2023 Shelby County School Board meeting. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) - Absent

City Clerk Miller, in the absence of Commissioner Emmons, presented the April Financial Reports. No discussion. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Clerk Miller, in the absence of Commissioner Emmons, presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to identify \$1M of the General Fund 1 as "Emergency Fund" on the balance sheet. These funds are set aside to recognize 3-6 months of expenses in case of an emergency. Considering the presentation from Independence Bank, Mayor Sowder recommended moving the \$1M to Independence Bank as per their proposal of a rate of 4.50% guaranteed until 06/30/24. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to move \$1M to Independence Bank as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote of:**

Emmons-Absent

Hesse-Yes

Garland-Yes

McDowell - Yes

Sowder - Yes

Mayor Sowder's Report:

Mayor Sowder shared an update regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, a Lease Termination Agreement submitted by the Shelby County Fiscal Court regarding 7101 Shelbyville Road. Mayor Sowder read the Lease Termination Agreement in full. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Lease Termination Agreement. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

After further discussion, the Commission agreed to place a rental sign in the window and City Attorney Brammell agreed to create a renter's application for inquiries. City Administrator Eden shared the average rent for the square footage as stated by a local real estate agent. The Commission agreed to fair market value of \$1,200 per month rent.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Hays:

City Attorney Hays shared of the 15 delinquent property tax bills given for collection by City Clerk Miller 3 properties are still delinquent and will have a lien placed on each of the properties.

City Attorney Brammell:

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission the temporary use agreements needing the Mayor's signature for the July 4th celebration this year, the BOOM!. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the temporary use agreements for this year's July 4th celebration. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a pay request from Kenvirons for \$48,160.00 for professional services already performed on the Sewer Sludge Press Project. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the Kenvirons' pay request of \$48,160.00. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a recommendation to reimburse the Park's Department \$25,940.00, out of General Fund 1, for the purchase of the forklift in January 2023 for public works. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve reimbursement to Park's Department for the forklift. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

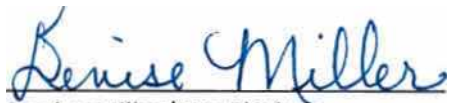
Closed Session:

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 at 7:48 pm. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Garland made the motion to return from closed session at 8:17 pm. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hesse made the motion to authorize City Attorney Hays and City Attorney Brammell to proceed with potential land acquisition. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 8:19 pm.


Denise Miller/City Clerk


Ronnie Sowder/Mayor