

CITYOFSIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
JULY 18, 2023
7 PM

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

Absent: Commissioner Garland & Commissioner McDowell.

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

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Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from June 20, 2023 regular city meeting. After review, **Commissioner Emmons made the motion to accept minutes as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

ShelbyKY Tourism President & CEO Janette Marson unable to attend.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) - Absent

Commissioner Hesse (Sewer) - No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) - Absent

Mayor Sowder, in the absence of Commissioner Garland, recognized Police Chief Minnis, who presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to hire Police Recruits Kyle Creek and Christopher Penney for the December police academy, but to start with Simpsonville Police Department Tuesday, September 5, 2023. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the recommendation to hire Police Recruits Kyle Creek and Christopher Penney effective September 5, 2023 and to attend the December Police Academy. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) -

Commissioner Emmons presented the June Financial Reports. Mayor Sowder shared since Police were under budget for the 2022/2023 due to low staffing that the City consider these funds for two future vehicle purchases. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept June financial reports as presented. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Emmons presented to the Commission Ordinance #2023-005 pertaining to the 2022-2023 budget amendment. Commissioner Emmons read the 2022-2023 budget changes. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept Ordinance #2023-005 for the first reading. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Ordinance #2023-005 will be placed on the August 7, 2023 meeting agenda for the second reading and possible adoption.**

Mayor Sowder's Report:

Mayor Sowder shared he, Shelbyville Mayor Ethington, and County Judge Executive Ison will be meeting regarding the interlocal agreement pertaining to tax revenue and its affect upon annexation August 4, 2023.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

Hite Hays-

City Attorney Hays presented Ordinance #2023-004, repealing Ordinance #2019-005, pertaining to Section 6.16 of the City's Personnel Policy's Authorized classes of Employees and Compensation Ranges, for the second reading. City Attorney Hays read the ordinance in its entirety. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept Ordinance #2023-004 for the second reading. Commissioner Emmons seconded. A roll call vote is as follows:**

Commissioner Emmons - Yes

Commissioner Garland - Absent

Commissioner Hesse - Yes

Commissioner McDowell - Absent

Ronnie Sowder - Yes

Ordinance #2023-004 will be effective upon publication in the Sentinel News.

Chelsey Brammell - No Report

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Miller shared the Ad Valorem ordinance should be ready for its first reading during the August 7 meeting.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the remodel quote of \$23,275.00 from Russman Repair & Renovations for the City's 7101 Shelbyville Road facility. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the \$23,275.00 quote from Russman Repair & Renovations and to authorize the Mayor to sign. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to surplus the City's 2013 Ford Explorer. **Commissioner Emmons made the motion to approve the surplus of the City's 2013 Ford Explorer. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Major Brummer shared City's surplus items can be placed on govdeals.com but an account would need to be created. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to authorize the Police department to create an account for govdeals.com and to authorize the Mayor to sign. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

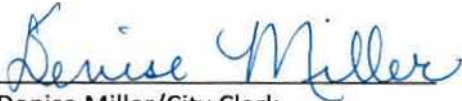
City Administrator Eden shared the following: Golf Cart Ordinance needs to be enforced once stickers are received; Road by apartments soon to be a city road; Fire security system update in city hall completed; Attended the KLC code enforcement training; September 19-22, 2023 KLC conference registration open; Triple S Zoning Public hearing for Simpsonville's Comprehensive Plan scheduled for Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at City Hall; The BOOM! was a success.

Mayor Sowder called for a closed session to discuss future land acquisition. Based on KRS61.810(l)(b), deliberations on future acquisition of real property by a public agency, but only when publicity would be likely to affect the value of a specific piece of property to be acquired for public use by a public agency, is required to be in closed session. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to enter into closed session at 7:52 pm. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Hesse made the motion to return from closed session at 8:11 pm. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hesse made the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Santana Lass LLC and Golden Creek Farm containing a gift of approximately 126 acres to the City for future park system and voluntary request for future annexation of approximately 500 acres. Also, approve AEI for \$32,500 to survey and authorize the Mayor to sign documents. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Emmons made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 8:16 pm.


Denise Miller/City Clerk


Ronnie Sowder/Mayor