

CITYOFSIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
OCTOBER 2, 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 7:00 pm.

Pledge

Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from September 5, 2023 regular city meeting. After review, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized ShelbyKY Tourism President & CEO Janette Marson who shared the following: Grub Hub is now collecting restaurant tax; Whitney Young trail sign progressing; Provided an advertising schedule for 23-24.

Mayor Sowder recognized PW / Park Director Truelock who presented to the Commission, for approval, a 2023 Transient Tax Disbursement request of \$62,138.22 for an event sound system, holiday decorations, playground border, commercial refuse containers, and outdoor basketball goal improvement.
Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PW / Park Director Truelock recognized resident Bill Mathews who requested to replace the existing outdoor basketball goal by the gym. PW / Park Director Truelock presented the proposal of \$5,708.00 from Bluegrass Recreation Sales and Installation, LLC. Truelock also shared that an agreement would be generated stating no special privileges would be received by Mr. Mathews due to the gift.
Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the replacement of the outdoor basketball goal. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) -

Commissioner McDowell shared the following: All hanging baskets have been removed; Ground planters have been replaced with mums; PW continuing with street sign maintenance, soon to be completed; PW currently conducting a 67 point self-safety / loss inspection report for all facilities; Staff will be attending the Kentucky Commercial Pesticide Applicator training and certification this November.

Commissioner Hesse (Sewer) -

Commissioner Hesse provided the Commissioners, for future discussion, a copy of Simpsonville's current 201 Study of sewer service.

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) -

Commissioner Garland recognized Police Chief Minnis who shared with the Commission an update regarding the placement of street signage on Evergreen Way. At this time, due to apartment occupancy not being to capacity, traffic is not a major issue and plans are to place "no parking" signs on Evergreen close to the bridge and before the stop sign on Cottonwood Court.

Police Chief Minnis presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to increase Police Recruit Beckley's hourly rate to \$23.50, same as the two recently hired police recruits. After discussion, **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the increase effective the current pay period. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried.**

Commissioner Garland shared the following park updates: Fall sports has two more weeks; Registration open for Fall Sport Shorties, Winter Youth Basketball, Girl's Basketball League, Winter Cheer; Light Up Simpsonville is Saturday, December 2, 6:30pm at Wiche Pavilion; This year's Simpsonville Light Fight winners will receive a trophy; The Park Planning Committee will be identified later in the year; Playground Phase 2 and Phase 3 equipment has been delivered and ready to install.

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) -

Commissioner Emmons presented the August Financial Reports. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept August financial reports as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder's Report:

Mayor Sowder recognized Commissioner Garland for an update regarding the Shelby County Public Library's interest to purchase land in Simpsonville. Commissioner Garland shared the Library needs two acres for the new facility. After discussion, the selling of the corner lot, owned by the City, to the Library at fair market value was considered. **Commissioner Garland made a motion to authorize the Mayor to begin negotiation with the Shelby County Public Library. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder shared that a request was received from West Shelby Water District, regarding the Todds Point Road Streetscape Improvement Project, requesting financial assistance with replacement of asbestos cement waterlines prior to the construction project. After discussion, Mayor Sowder requested City Administrator Eden to get more information regarding the cost.

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

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Miller shared she will be turning over to the City Attorney businesses that are not responding to letters regarding delinquent net profit and occupational taxes.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

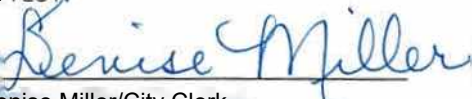
City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a recommendation to reinvest the City's matured **CD of \$175K** with Independence Bank at **5%** for **11** months. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a donation request from the 2023 Christmas Toy Store Committee. Mayor Sowder recused himself from discussion and vote. City Administrator Eden shared last year's donation was \$250. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to issue a \$250 donation to SBC Christmas Toy Store. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

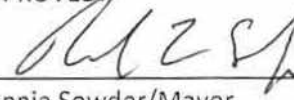
City Administrator Eden shared the following: Shelby County 109 Board has requested to place a recycling container in the City for public use. City Administrator Eden shared the container could be placed behind the 7101 Shelbyville Road facility for easy access. Once SC 109 Board sends information, City Administrator Eden will present to the Commission; Engineers expect survey of recently annexed property to be completed by end of the month.

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

ATTEST:


Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:


Ronnie Sowder/Mayor