

CITYOFSIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
OCTOBER 17, 2023
7 PM

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

Absent: City Clerk Miller

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

Pledge

Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from October 2, 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: Publication request is up; Trade show season in full swing; Tourism doing a great job promoting our county and cities.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) - No Report

Commissioner Hesse (Sewer) -

Commissioner Hesse shared he has a meeting planned with Persimmon Ridge leadership on October 25, 2023, to discuss our current 201 study and what that may look like in the future for the western side of Shelby County.

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) -

Commissioner Garland shared that the Police department now has a vacant position for police officer and recommended to give Police Chief Minnis the authority to begin the process to fill the position.

Commissioner Hesse made the motion to authorize Chief Minnis to move forward with filling the vacated position of police officer with a lateral and for Chief Minnis and City Administrator Eden to confirm salary. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Garland also shared that a new pay scale is being considered with reviewing the pros and cons between pay scale and the City's current pay ranges. An updated draft will be presented at a future meeting for approval.

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) -

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

Mayor Sowder's Report:

Mayor Sowder asked Commissioner Garland to start the process with the Shelby County Library Board regarding the land purchase from the City. Once the Library Board has secured an appraisal the City will then decide fair market value of the land and report to the Commission for approval at a future meeting.

Mayor Sowder shared the following: The remodel of 7101 Shelbyville Road facility is almost complete with painters to be finished within the week; He plans to extend an invitation the SC Judge Ison and the magistrates to attend a meeting in the future to explain the adverse effects of annexation, since this continues to be a hot topic within our community.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorneys' Reports:

City Attorney Hays - No Report

City Attorney Brammell - No Report

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, Resolution #2023-003, pertaining to the adoption of the City's Cafeteria Plan with Colonial Life. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve Resolution #2023-003 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for review, the current Street Banner Sponsorship Program policy. Due to an informal request from the Boy Scout organization and his leadership involvement with the organization, Commissioner Hesse removed himself from the meeting during the discussion period. After discussion, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to do away with the banner policy and only hang our banners on the streetscape poles. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

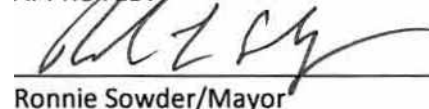
Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 7:45 pm.

ATTEST:



Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:


Ronnie Sowder/Mayor