

CITYOFSIMPSONVILLE  
CITY MEETING MINUTES  
CITY MEETING ROOM  
NOVEMBER 6, 2023  
7 PM

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

Absent: Commissioner Hesse.

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

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Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from October 17, 2023 regular city meeting. After review, **Commissioner Emmons made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized ShelbyKY Tourism President & CEO Janette Marson who shared with the Commission Civil Rights Trail books for their review.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) -

Commissioner McDowell shared the following: Fall mums to be removed next week; Christmas garland and bows to be hung by Wednesday; Expecting delivery of the 22' Christmas tree before Nov. 23; Trucks are prepped and ready for winter snow; The City's hanging baskets received honorable mention in the earthplanter.com photo contest.

Commissioner Hesse (Sewer) - Absent

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) -

Commissioner Garland shared the following: Fall soccer, flag football and cheer are complete; Now accepting registrations for winter youth basketball, A League of Their Own - girl's hoops; Winter cheer; Fall futsal began last week; Light Up Simpsonville is Sat., 12/2, 6:30pm at Wiche Pavilion; Simpsonville Light Fight is accepting registrations through Tuesday, 11/28; Phase 3 of playground is complete with ribbon cutting to be 12/2 during LUS.

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) - No Report

Mayor Sowder's Report:

Mayor Sowder shared that the Simpsonville City Commission and Shelby County Fiscal Court will hold a joint workshop at the Stratton Center, Wednesday, Nov. 8, 6pm, open to the public.

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

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Miller asked City Attorney Hays to proceed reaching out to three businesses not responding to multiple delinquent tax correspondences.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a request from Shelby County Project Graduation for a donation to the 2024 Project Graduation. After discussion, **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve a \$500.00 donation to the 2024 SC Project Graduation. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a recommendation to replace the entrance of Greens Drive due to the breakdown of the surface. City Administrator Eden shared Key Homes will be having the final layer of asphalt laid by Libs Paving, as required. Commissioner Eden received a quote of \$11,000.00 from Libs Paving to have 125 LF of Greens Drive road entrance replaced to allow for a smoother entrance transition. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the quote of \$11,000.00 to repave Greens Drive entrance, as presented. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a proposed agreement from the KY Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction, for expanded jurisdiction for Code Enforcement.

**Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign documentation. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden shared the following: Contractor has lifted and reset 4 storm grates; City did receive the KLC Safety Grant; Due to terminology correction, Mayor needed to re-sign the DOW agreement.

Mayor Sowder called on City Attorney Hays for a closed session to discuss a personnel matter. City Attorney Hays shared, based on KRS61.810(l)(f), discussions which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee without restricting that employee's right to a public hearing, if requested, are required to be in closed session. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to enter into closed session at 7:16 pm. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder excused City Administrator Eden and City Clerk Miller from the closed session.

**Commissioner McDowell made the motion to return from closed session at 8:05 pm. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Commissioner McDowell made the motion to back pay, from July 3, 2023, Police Recruit Beckley's \$.50 per hour increase. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carries unanimously.**

**Commissioner Garland made the motion to hire a consultant to perform an audit of the police department. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned 8:15 pm.

APPROVED:

Ronnie Sowder/Mayor

ATTEST:

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Denise Miller/City Clerk

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