

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
DECEMBER 4, 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.

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Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from November 6, 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 with the Commission the distribution of the new YOUR BOURBON DESTINATION visitor guide.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) -

Commissioner McDowell shared the following: All Christmas lights, garland, bows, and Christmas tree are up; One salt spreader is running with the second one down and being worked on; Plenty of salt with another load expected this week; All public restrooms are shut down and winterized; All street storm drains are clear and ready for winter.

Commissioner Hesse (Sewer) -

Commissioner Hesse shared we received permit from Division of Water for the Sludge Press Project.

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) -

Commissioner Garland shared the following: Winter Hoops & Cheer are full again this season due to lack of space; 2nd Season Hoops registration is now open through February 26, 2024; Light Up Simpsonville is completed; Phase 3 of the playground is completed; Now accepting applications for the 2024 Farmers' Market.

Commissioner Garland presented to the Commission, for approval, a request from the Shelby County Detention Center Jailer, Darrell Cox, to receive a transfer of Simpsonville Police Department's 2014 Ford Taurus surplus vehicle for transport of inmates. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the transfer of the 2014 Ford Taurus surplus vehicle to the SCDC. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) -

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

Mayor Sowder's Report:

Mayor Sowder shared the Library Board is getting an appraisal on the corner lot.

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, a quote of \$6,500.00 from Advance Investigative Solutions Inc. for an audit of the police department. After discussion, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve up to \$7,500.00 for the audit. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Miller presented to the Commission, for approval, a request to surplus a 2007 Buick Rendezvous and 2003 Chevrolet Malibu both awarded to the Simpsonville Police Department. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the surplus list as presented and to authorize Police Chief Minnis, or other designee as approved by Chief Minnis, to sign documentation. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Clerk Miller shared the following: 2 of the 3 businesses City Attorney Hays sent letters to regarding delinquent taxes have responded and are now current; The City property taxes were due, without penalty, 11/30/23 however, we have 137 delinquent property tax bills.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a proposal of services from American Engineers, Inc. for \$4,800.00 for a geotechnical exploration for the settlement issue on Citizen Blvd. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the AEI proposal of \$4,800 and for the Mayor to sign documentation. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to approve a partial bond release on Greens Drive once necessary improvements have been made regarding ponding. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve a partial bond release on Greens Drive after ponding issue has been corrected. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden shared the survey of the land requested to be annexed should be completed by the end of the week.

Mayor Sowder called for a closed session to discuss a personnel matter. Mayor 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 Garland made the motion to enter into closed session at 7:20 pm. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to return from closed session at 7:58 pm. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 7:59 pm.

APPROV

ATTEST:

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Denise Miller/City Clerk

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Miller', written over a horizontal line.

Ronnie Sowder/Mayor