

CITYOFSIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
JANUARY 16, 2024
7 PM

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

Absent: 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 January 2, 2024 regular city meeting. After review, Commissioner Emmons made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized PW / Park Director Truelock who introduced Angie Oakley, Simpsonville Elementary Family Resource Center Coordinator. Ms. Oakley shared the school has an opportunity to help build community relations due to receiving a grant of \$75K per year for 5 years. She shared that a survey will be made available for the community to offer their input.

Mayor Sowder recognized PW / Park Director Truelock regarding a Streetscape Request. PW / Park Director Truelock shared the need to replace damaged flags and hanging baskets on the Streetscape. He presented to the Commission, for approval, a quote of \$1,001.99 for 12 flags and \$3,900.00 for 4 each of hanging baskets & brackets and large planters. After discussion, the Commission agreed to allow for the purchase of 2 additional flags and hanging baskets & brackets to have on hand. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the purchase of 12 flags, 4 hanging baskets & brackets, and 4 planters, along with 2 additional flags and hanging baskets & brackets. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ShelbyKY Tourism President & CEO Janette Marson was not in attendance.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) - Absent

Commissioner Hesse (Sewer) - No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) -

Commissioner Garland recognized Major Brummer who presented the Police year-end statistic review.

Commissioner Garland shared the following: Winter Hoops & Cheer are under way with Gym serving over 1,000 people every weekend; Registration is open on-line for 2nd season hoops, Spring soccer, baseball, and sport shorties; Final playground phase to include swings & shade structure, an inclusive spinner, and obstacle course elements to be presented at the February meeting.

Commissioner Garland presented to the Commission a letter from Police Chief Minnis of his intention to retire with his last day being January 31, 2024. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to accept Police Chief Minnis' letter of retirement with January 31, 2024 being his last day. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) -

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

Mayor Sowder's Report:

Mayor Sowder shared with the Commission, for their review, the revised McClean restrictions for the donated property. Mayor Sowder requested Commissioners to send any additional comments to PW / Park Director Truelock.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Hays -

City Attorney Hays presented to the Commission a Police Training & Reimbursement Contract recommendation. The Commission was asked to review before the February 5 meeting.

City Attorney Brammell:

City Attorney Brammell shared she received the surveys on the proposed properties for annexation and can now begin the annexation process; Specific numbers have been updated on a new letter of consent to annex and is now ready for Golden Creek Farm's signature.

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

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

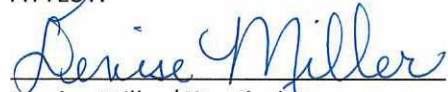
City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for consideration, a Code Enforcement Workshop to be held on February 1, 8, or 15. After discussion, the Commission was in agreement to meet February 1, 6pm for a special meeting to include the workshop.

City Administrator Eden shared the following: Todd's Point Sidewalk Project continues to be delayed by KYTC inquiries; 1848/US 60 corner lot under contract.

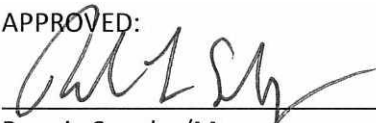
Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, a recommendation to appoint Major Brummer Police Chief, with a 1-year probationary period, effective February 1, 2024. Ceremonial swearing-in will be during the February 5, 2024 regular city meeting. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to appoint Major Brummer Police Chief effective February 1, 2024 with 1-year probation. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Emmons made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 8:01 pm.

ATTEST:


Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:


Ronnie Sowder/Mayor