

CITYOFSIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
FEBRUARY 5, 2024
7 PM

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

Absent: Commissioner Garland

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

Pledge

Mayor Sowder completed Oath of Office for Police Chief Thomas Brummer.

Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from February 1, 2024 special called city meeting. After review, Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from January 16, 2024 regular city meeting. City Administrator Eden clarified that 4 additional flags and hanging baskets & brackets were purchased, two more than the original approval. After discussion, Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the minutes as amended. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized PW / Park Director Truelock to offer updates regarding the final phase of the new playground and updates for the current Simpsonville Park playground. The Commission were in agreement to allow PW / Park Director Truelock to proceed with getting quotes for next year's budget.

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

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) -

Commissioner McDowell shared the following: City is fully stocked with salt for any upcoming snow; Garbage can shortage is over for now, we have 40 new cans in stock; Calculating number of starter plants for the streetscape floral; American flags go up June 14 (Flag Day), displayed through July 4; PW employee received his state pesticide certificate, allowing us to perform work and use minimal contractors; All public restrooms will open in April; Repairs have begun on downed light pole in front of Stock Yard Bank.

Commissioner Hesse (Sewer) -

Commissioner Hesse presented to the Commission, for approval, a quote from Service Specialties for \$37,993.15 to replace two pumps at the Todds Point pump station, new starters and breakers, and testing of new pumps and controls. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the quote of \$37,993.15 from Service Specialties. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hesse also requested Sewer Superintendent Bryan Romine to attend quarterly KIPDA meetings.

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) - Absent

Mayor Sowder, in the absence of Commissioner Garland, shared the following: Park department has an aggressive schedule of offerings this Spring/Summer, check website for all options; Winter basketball, Girls hoops, and cheer are finishing this month.

Mayor Sowder, in the absence of Commissioner Garland, presented to the Commission, for approval, a Police Officer Training Reimbursement contract for new hires receiving training paid by the City of Simpsonville. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the Police Officer Training Reimbursement Contract. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder, in the absence of Commissioner Garland, presented to the Commission, for approval, a police officer shift agreement form. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the Police Shift Agreement. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) - No Report

Mayor Sowder's Report:

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, a land appraisal report submitted by the Shelby County Library for two lots owned by the City located east of Old Veechdale Road, corner of US 60, and west of the Simpsonville Post Office. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the appraisal of \$736,000.00 and sell to the SC Library, with restrictions, and allow City Attorney Hays to proceed with agreement and Mayor to sign. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Hays presented to the Commission Ordinance #2024-001 for the second reading, amending Ordinance 2023-004 pertaining to Classes of Employees (Police) and Compensation Ranges. City Attorney Hays read the ordinance in summary. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance #2024-001. Commissioner Emmons seconded. A roll call vote is as follows:

Commissioner Emmons - Yes

Commissioner Garland - Absent

Commissioner Hesse - Yes

Commissioner McDowell - Yes

Ronnie Sowder - Yes

Ordinance #2024-001 will be effective upon publication in the Sentinel News.

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 approval, a recommendation to proceed with the hiring process of police officer candidate, Shelby Saunders, of new-hire physical and contract agreement completion. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to proceed with Police candidate Saunders. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, Resolution #2024-001, pertaining to the agreement with the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority (KEDFA) for Faurecia Expansion Project. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve Resolution #2024-001 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized Police Chief Brummer who presented to the Commission, for approval, the new police uniform. Police Chief Brummer was wearing the new black shirt with the new patches and the new green pants. Mayor Sowder shared the patches will also include the City's horse logo. After discussion, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the uniform change. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a Proclamation recognizing February 7, 2024 as Carefree Living at Masonic Home Shelbyville Day. City Administrator Eden read the proclamation in its entirety. **Commissioner Emmons made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Carefree Living at Masonic Home Shelbyville Day Proclamation. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden shared an update regarding the Kentucky Utilities Franchise, confirming taxes received are covering the cost of the city streetlights, and recommending the franchise tax renewal remain at 3%, the city to approve KU to change over all lighting to LED, and to discontinue the City's annual light bill to Cardinal Club HOA. After discussion, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to keep the 3% franchise tax rate, to pay KU for the LED changeover, and to discontinue the CC light billing. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden also shared SC school system is preparing a letter of commitment, for the TAPS grant, to connect sidewalk at Simpsonville Elementary School; KLC City Night is 2/28 at 4:30 and need to make reservations for those who want to attend. Commissioner Hesse agreed to attend.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 7:48 pm.

ATTEST:


Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:



Ronnie Sowder/Mayor