

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
FEBRUARY 20, 2024
7 PM

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

Absent: Commissioners Emmons & McDowell.

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

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Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from February 5, 2024 regular city meeting. After review, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. 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) - No Report

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) - Absent

Mayor Sowder's Report:

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for consideration, a request from Kyle Smithson with Red Diamond Pictures to use a police interrogation room in a movie. The Commission was in agreement to allow the Police Chief to coordinate facility usage with movie company.

Mayor Sowder recommended, for approval, the Police Chief, Police Major, and Police Sergeant Job Descriptions as revised by Police Chief Brummer. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve revised Police Chief, Major, and Sergeant job descriptions. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Hays-

City Attorney Hays presented to the Commission the Library Deed draft. The Commission was asked to review for possible approval at the March meeting.

Mayor Sowder recommended to the Commission to designate the proceeds from the sale of the lots to the Library as Park start-up funds. Commissioner Garland made the motion to designate the \$736K, from the sale of the lots, for Park set-up. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Brammell -

City Attorney Brammell shared: Gaylord annexation documents have been sent to Attorney Gregg Neal; She recommends amending the franchise ordinance and accepting the contract by resolution.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Miller presented the January Financial Reports. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept January financial reports as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, a recommendation to promote Officer Sterling Johnson to Police Major. Commissioner Garland made the motion to promote Office Johnson to Police Major, effective immediately, with 11 years of experience at \$40.53 per hour. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a recommendation to proceed with the hiring of police officer candidate, Shelby Saunders, effective March 4, 2024, at paygrade 4 of \$27.06 per hour. Ms. Saunders will need to complete training to become POPS certified in KY, therefore, a 3-year contract agreement has been completed and ready for the Mayor's signature. Commissioner Garland made the motion to hire Police candidate Saunders effective March 4,2024, with 4 years of experience at \$27.06 an hour and to authorize the Mayor to sign the 3-year contract. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a recommendation to proceed with the hiring of police officer candidate, Sean Franklin, effective March 4, 2024, at paygrade 9 of \$29.88 per hour. Mr. Franklin will have to complete training to regain POPS certification, therefore, a 3-year contract agreement has been completed and ready for the Mayor's signature. Commissioner Garland made the motion to hire Police candidate Franklin effective March 4,2024, with 9 years of experience at \$29.88 an hour and to authorize the Mayor to sign the 3-year contract. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, due to the completion of his basic training as a police officer, a recommendation to move Officer Beckley from Recruit pay of \$23.50 per hour to 0-1 year of experience at \$25.00 per hour. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to move Officer Beckley from Recruit to 0-1 year of experience at \$25.00 per hour effective immediately. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for review, Resolution #2024-002, pertaining to the Employee Travel Expense Reimbursement. City Administrator Eden asked the Commission to review before the next regular scheduled meeting for possible approval.

City Administrator Eden shared he met with City of Shelbyville Code Enforcement, and they were open to a joint Code Enforcement Board with the City of Simpsonville. City Administrator Eden will continue to research and provide updates to the Commission.

Mayor Sowder completed Oaths of Office for Police Major Sterling Johnson, Police Officer Shelby Saunders, and Police Officer Sean Franklin.

Commissioner Hesse made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 7:27 pm.

ATTEST:


Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:


Ronnie Sowder/Mayor