

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
APRIL 1, 2024
7 PM

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

Absent: Commissioner Garland, City Attorney Hays.

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

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Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from March 19, 2024 regular city meeting with the amendment of authorizing the Mayor to sign the MOU with the Sheriffs Department, not the Police Chief. After review, Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the minutes as amended. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ShelbyKY Tourism President & CEO Janette Marson shared the following: Her team has been traveling to promote Simpsonville and Shelby County; Thousands of visitors guides have been distributed; ARPA project to be completed mid to late May; Working on helping Simpsonville to remain on the National Civil Rights Trail.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) -

Commissioner McDowell shared the following: Streetscape planting to begin mid-April for display May 6; First street sweep of the season took place last week; New mulch border has been installed at the original park playground; Public restrooms are now open; Curb painting to begin this month.

Commissioner Hesse (Sewer) -

Commissioner Hesse shared the following: He met with City Administrator Steve Eden and Sewer Superintendent Bryan Romine to discuss future budget needs; Comprehensive Plan is in final draft to be presented by late Summer.

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) - Absent

Mayor Sowder, in the absence of Commissioner Garland, shared the following: Spring soccer, tee ball and baseball start next week; Spring break sports camp is in session this week; Summer sports shortie, hoops league, Dunk league basketball (for teens), soccer skills camp & summer basketball skills camp registration deadline is next month.

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) -

Commissioner Emmons presented the March Expenditure Reports. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the March expenditure reports as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder's Report:

Mayor Sowder recommended to the Commission to approve the Pursuit Policy and the Use of Force Policy, as dictated by the DOCJT, from the Police SOP. Commissioner Hesse made a motion to approve the Police SOP Pursuit Policy and the Use of Force Policy. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, a recommendation to authorize a \$5,000.00 limit approval for the City Administrator. Commissioner Hesse made a motion to approve the \$5K limit approval for the City Administrator. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, to update all financial institution signature cards to include only the Mayor, Mayor Pro-tem, and City Administrator, as regulated by the Mayor Commission form of government. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the signature card updates as presented. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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, Police Officer Sean Franklin's letter of resignation effective March 27, 2024. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the letter of resignation from Police Officer Franklin effective 03/27/24. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, a recommendation to allow Chief Brummer to advertise for another applicant. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to allow Chief Brummer to advertise and begin the hiring process. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a quote from Shelby Propane Plus for \$1,163.00 to replace our tank, to pressure and leak test the new tank, for the annual lease, and for 400 gallons of propane. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the Shelby Propane quote. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, an Emergency Tree Service Agreement for PW / Park Director Truelock to utilize for emergency on-call removal or emergency tree service. Commissioner Hesse requested, under the payment section, "10" business days be changed to "30" business days. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the Emergency Tree Service Agreement as amended. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

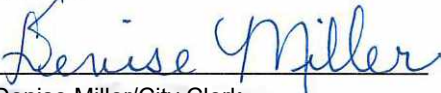
City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for review, a service proposal from HMC Service Company for \$10,464.00 to supply the necessary labor and material to determine deficiencies with the HVAC at the Police Station. After discussion, Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the HMC service proposal as presented and to authorize the Mayor to sign necessary documents. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a recommendation to proceed with a second TAPS Grant submission for the Todds Point Sidewalk Project. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to proceed with a second TAPS Grant submission. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a recommendation to increase employee wages in the Administrative (City & Police), Sewer, Public Works / Parks departments by 15% over the next two budget years. The first 7.5% increase will be effective April 8, 2024 with the second increase effective July 1, 2025. **Commissioner Emmons made the motion to approve the increase as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 7:37 pm.

ATTEST:


Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:


Scott McDowell/Mayor Pro-tern