

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
MAY 6, 2024
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.

Pledge

Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from April 16, 2024 regular city meeting with the amendment correcting the fiscal year for the McGregor agreement. After review, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the minutes as amended. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized ShelbyKY Tourism President & CEO Janette Marson who shared the Black Trailblazers signage location has been determined. President Marson also shared confirmation with board re-appointments, both County and Simpsonville.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) –

Commissioner McDowell shared the following: Hanging baskets and ground planters have been potted and will go up this week after the storms have passed; All curbs have been painted; All snow equipment has been serviced and stored for next season.

Commissioner Hesse (Sewer) – No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) –

Commissioner Garland shared the following: Spring soccer, tee ball & baseball has begun; Each commissioner has a list of upcoming summer programs and special events; The BOOM! is July 4 on the corner of Buck Creek Road and US 60 again this year; Farmers' Market opens this Saturday, 9am – noon; Adult co-rec kickball is back with registration as an individual or as a team.

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) –

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

Commissioner Emmons presented to the Commission Ordinance #2024-002 pertaining to the 2024-2025 Budget. Due to no changes, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to waive the second reading of Ordinance #2024-002. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance #2024-002. Commissioner Hesse seconded. A roll call vote is as follows:

Commissioner Emmons - Yes

Commissioner Garland - Yes

Commissioner Hesse - Yes

Commissioner McDowell - Yes

Ronnie Sowder – Yes

Ordinance #2024-002 will be effective upon publication in the Sentinel News.

Mayor Sowder's Report:

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, a quote of \$6,868.20 from Kentucky League of Cities Personnel Services to review and update the City's Personnel Policy. This is a 40% savings due to the city's status as a KLC insurance member. The city can also apply for a \$3,000 Liability Safety Grant that opens in September. **Commissioner Hesse made a motion to approve the quote of \$6,868.20 from KLC to review and update the city's personnel policy. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder requested City Clerk Miller to establish a cashless pay option for the Fall Festival.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Hays shared the Code Enforcement Ordinance, and the Interlocal Agreement should be ready for the next meeting agenda.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Miller shared she has three businesses that have not responded to notifications regarding delinquent taxes and need to be turned over to the City Attorney.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the annual KLC Health Insurance Agreement for July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 to be signed by Mayor Sowder. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the annual KLC Health Insurance agreement as presented and to authorize the Mayor to sign necessary document. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, Ordinance #2024-003 regarding a new pay grade addition. City Administrator Eden read the ordinance in summary. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept Ordinance #2024-003 for the first reading. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Ordinance #2024-003 will be placed on the May 21 meeting agenda for the second reading and possible adoption.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the Extra Duty Detail, Secondary Employment, Outside Employment Policy and the Vehicle Use – Take Home Vehicle Policy from the Police SOP. **Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the Police Policies as presented. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden shared with the Commission, on behalf of Chief Brummer, the current 12-hour shift used by the police department, the Panama Shift schedule (2-2-3) .

City Administrator Eden also shared an estimate Chief Brummer received regarding changes requested for the Police Station and the 2-story. City Administrator Eden shared, due to estimate, City may need to advertise for bids.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, on behalf of PW/Park Director Truelock, an invoice and contract from Astro Jump of Louisville for \$24,752.21 for the Fall Festival. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the Astro Jump invoice and for the Mayor to sign necessary document. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, on behalf of PW/Park Director Truelock, a Community Use of School Facilities Agreement for Simpsonville Elementary to be used as a spectator site for The BOOM!, July 4. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary document. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden shared the following: City Hall is hosting this month's Industrial Foundation meeting; City engineers are working to submit the second TAPS grant next week.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a recommendation to proceed with the hiring of police officer, Joshua Risinger, effective May 20, 2024, with 16 years of law enforcement experience at paygrade 10 of \$31.37 per hour. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to hire Police Officer Risinger effective May 20, 2024, at paygrade 10 of \$31.37 per hour. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, a secondary employment request by Officer David Aikins. **Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the request as presented and authorize the Mayor to sign document. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 7:42 pm.

ATTEST:


Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:


Ronnie Sowder/Mayor