

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Emmons

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

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Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from June 18, 2024 city meeting. After review, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder's Report:

Mayor Sowder recognized Richard Sutherland, who recognized Masha Miller and Laura White, sister and daughter of Mike Casey. Richard, along with the family of Mike Casey, presented to the Commission, a request to have a sign placed at both ends of U.S. 60 of the city limits acknowledging Simpsonville as home of Mike Casey, 1966 Kentucky Mr. Basketball. Mr. Sutherland stated that a request was needed from the City to the transportation department. He also shared the funds would be provided by their group. After discussion, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to authorize City Administrator Eden to contact the KY Highway Transportation Department to request the signs be installed. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized ShelbyKY Tourism President & CEO Janette Marson who shared: More signage advertisement has been requested; Augmented reality sign to be installed this week; Tourism will reserve 4-5 seats each night of the Horse Show for Simpsonville Officials; Tourism invited the Out Shoppes of the Bluegrass to participate with them at the state fair.

Mayor Sowder called on City Administrator Eden who recognized Shawn Dade, Taylor Siefker Williams Representative, regarding the City of Simpsonville's Comprehensive Plan. Ryan Libke, representing Triple S Zoning, was also in attendance. Shawn shared the team focused on incorporating items identified through the team meetings and public input from the open house meeting. Shawn also shared that the document was reorganized to help reduce volume. **Commissioner Hesse made a motion to initiate the zoning ordinance and map with Triple S Zoning and to be returned to the City. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) -

Commissioner McDowell shared the street floral made it through the recent heat wave. Commissioner McDowell also requested for Chief Brummer to research for a security light to place over top of the police signage on the north outside wall of their building and also for the signage on the north outside gym wall.

Commissioner Hesse (Sewer) - No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) -

Commissioner Garland shared the following: The BOOM! is July 4th on the corner of Buck Creek Road and US 60 with seating at Simpsonville Elementary; Summer hoops skills camp deadline to register is July 5, 2024; Registration for Fall & Winter sports is now open.

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) - Absent

City Clerk Miller, in the absence of Commissioner Emmons, presented the June Expenditure Reports.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve June expenditure reports as presented.

Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, the Shelby County Public School Resource Officer Agreement, which also includes for 24/25 school year a reimbursement of \$20K back to the City.

Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the School Resource Office Agreement and to authorize the Mayor and Police Chief to sign the agreement. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Miller shared that one bid was received for the electric franchise. Bid was opened at 7:46 pm during the regular city meeting. City Clerk Miller read the Franchise Bid Letter in its entirety.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the franchise bid from KU. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, Resolution # 2024-005 awarding an exclusive franchise to Kentucky Utilities Company. City Administrator Eden read the resolution in its entirety. He also presented a Franchise Agreement with Kentucky Utilities for a term often (10) years.

Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve Resolution # 2024-005 and the KU Franchise Agreement, as presented, and to authorize the Mayor to sign documents. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden shared the following: KU LED conversion to begin in September; IT update with website to begin after new fiscal year; Reached out to another website designer for a quote; The City received a letter from Triple S Zoning regarding the annexation of property that adjoins City property; The City received a thank-you note from Bill Brammell for the acknowledgement of his 23 years as an attorney for the City of Simpsonville; The City received a note of appreciation from Tony Ha rover for the continued use of the property for elections.

Mayor Sowder called for a closed session to discuss employee discipline. Based on KRS61.810(l)(f), discussions which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee without restricting that employee's right to a public hearing, if requested, is required to be in closed session. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to enter into closed session at 7:59 pm. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Hesse made the motion to return from closed session at 8:15 pm. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Garland made the motion to terminate Sicori Toole, effective June 26, 2024, for violation of the Simpsonville personnel policy. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Commission was in agreement for City Administrator Eden to sign a letter informing Mr. Toole and for the City to deliver the letter to him.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 8:19 pm.

ATTEST:


Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:


Ronnie Sowder/Mayor