

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
OCTOBER 7, 2024
7 PM

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

Absent: City Clerk Miller.

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

Pledge

Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from September 3, 2024 public hearing and city meeting and from October 2, 2024 special called meeting. After review, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Mayor Sowder recognized PW/Park Director Chris Truelock who presented to the Commission, for approval, a quote of \$2,318.00 from Display Sales for 25 custom vinyl banners for Streetscape. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the quote of \$2,318.00 to purchase 25 banners. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

PW/ Park Director Truelock also presented to the Commission, for approval, a quote of \$9,983.00 from Bluegrass Recreation Sales & Installation for two portable soccer goals and four nets. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the quote of \$9,983.00 to purchase two soccer goals and four nets. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

PW/Park Director Truelock recognized Josh Rhodes regarding the Community School's Grant. Mr. Rhodes shared action plans on involvement between the school system and the City's Parks department. After presentation, **Commissioner Garland made the motion to participate with the Shelby County Public Schools on community involvement with our Parks Department and to grant permission to use some of the city property for garden plots as part of the grant. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

PW/Park Director Truelock recognized Nathan Janes who presented to the Commission his Eagle Scout project of installing a Gaga ball pit within the city property at the direction of our Parks Director. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to allow the Eagle Scout project to move forward. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) -

Commissioner McDowell shared the following: Street floral baskets are down, cleaned and prepped for next season; New stainless steel salt spreader is installed and ready for the upcoming season; Gym roof repairs completed; New roof over kitchen and repairs to gym roof completed; Skid loader currently being repaired; May need to discuss future of skid loader with consideration of a tractor with bucket to load salt and mow parkland.

After discussion, Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve up to \$2,500.00 for repair cost of the skid loader. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hesse (Sewer) -

Commissioner Hesse presented the suggestion of securing a grant to help Montclair residents get sewers. After discussion, the Commission agreed for Commissioner Hesse to create a survey to send out to the Montclair residents to determine interest.

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) -

Commissioner Garland shared the following: Provided an update on Park sports; Light Fight coming soon; Bathrooms will be winterized soon; Plans are being made for next year's fireworks event.

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) -

Commissioner Emmons presented the August Expenditure Reports. No Discussion. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the August expenditure reports as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Emmons presented the August Financial Reports. No discussion. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept August financial reports as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder's Report:

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, a donation request from the 2024 Christmas Toy Store Committee. City Administrator Eden shared last year's donation was \$250. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to issue a \$250 donation to SBC Christmas Toy Store. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Hays presented to the Commission, for approval, Ordinance #2024-012 pertaining to the Comprehensive Zoning Regulations and Map. City Attorney Hays read the ordinance in its entirety. Commissioner Emmons made the motion to accept the second reading and adoption of Ordinance #2024-012. Commissioner McDowell seconded. A roll call vote is as follows:

Commissioner Emmons - Yes

Commissioner Garland - Yes

Commissioner Hesse - Yes

Commissioner McDowell - Yes

Mayor Sowder - Yes

Ordinance #2024-012 will be effective upon publication in the Sentinel News.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, Resolution #2024-006, pertaining to the adoption of the City's Cafeteria Plan with Colonial Life. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve Resolution #2024-006 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the Police Standard Operations Procedures (SOP). Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the Simpsonville Police Departments SOP. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission a request from the Sentinel News, Taylor Davis, to receive police reports to be published in the Sentinel News when space allows. After discussion, the Commission was in agreement for the media to follow the rules of open request to acquire arrest records.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a request from Police Chief Brummer for an available impounded 2008 Ford Taurus and 2005 Chevy Van to be titled to the City of Simpsonville and to junk the title on the Blue Escape. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission an updated letter of resignation from Officer Shelby Saunders with a resignation date of October 6, 2024. No action taken.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to cancel the October 15, 2024 Regular City Meeting due to lack of quorum. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to cancel the October 15, 2024 Regular City Meeting. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of City Clerk Miller, presented to the Commission, for approval, a request to authorize the City Attorney to proceed with legal action against businesses that have not responded to letters from the City of Simpsonville regarding delinquent taxes. Commissioner Emmons made the motion to authorize the City Attorney to proceed with legal action regarding delinquent taxes as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission a report and concerns using a "Consent Agenda" based on conversation with KLC Legal. After discussion, the Commission agreed to research further and revisit again in 2025.

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, a request from Officer Hunter Beckley for secondary employment to work security at Shelby County Parks. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve Officer Beckley's secondary employment request. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a request from Surety Partners to sign an Agent of Record (AOE) form to allow them to research health insurance options for the City. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign necessary document. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, a 5-year contract with Axon Enterprises for \$189,158.92 to provide support for the police cameras and tasers. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the 5-year contract with Axon Enterprises as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, a recommendation to hire Police Officer Chris Gaddis to fill Officer Saunders' vacated position. Officer Gaddis will be hired in with 3 years' experience on pay scale at \$26.53 per hour and with employee benefits based on 5 years of employment due to prior city employment. Pending no issue with new hire physical, Officer Gaddis will begin early November. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to hire Police Officer Chris Gaddis with 3 years of experience at \$26.53 an hour and employee benefits based on 5 years. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

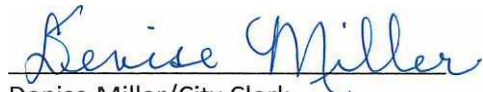
Mayor Sowder called for a closed session to discuss personnel. Based on KRS61.810(l)(f), discussions which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee without restricting that employee's right to a public hearing, if requested, is required to be in closed session. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to enter into closed session at 8:38 pm. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Hesse made the motion to return from closed session at 9:54 pm. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hesse made the motion to place a letter in an employee's personnel file. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 9:58 pm.

ATTEST:


Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:


Ronnie Sowder/Mayor