

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
NOVEMBER 19, 2024
7 PM

Present: Mayor Sowder, Commissioners Emmons, Garland, Hesse, & McDowell, City Attorney Hays, City Attorney Brammell, 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 November 4, 2024 city meeting. After review, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized the ShelbyKY Tourism's Report:

President & CEO Janette Marson shared: Upcoming commercials include Simpsonville with additional videos to come; Tourism received a Gold reward for their Black Trailblazers project and website; Travel shows upcoming.

Mayor Sowder recognized the PW / Parks Director's Report:

PW / Parks Director Chris Truelock recommended to the Commission to refuse all bids received for the playground renovation, next to the Purnell Shelter, due to additional concerns of drainage and rock. The Commission was in agreement to allow PW / Parks Director Truelock to revisit the project in 2025.

PW/Parks Director Chris Truelock presented to the Commission, for approval, a job description for a new position, PW / Parks Assistant Director. After discussion, **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the job description for the new position as presented and to advertise for the position. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized the Enterprise Fleet Management Representative's Report:

Kate Hayden, along with Katiera Reynolds, with Enterprise Fleet Management, presented to the Commission a potential fleet contract. After discussion, the Commission was in agreement more information was needed and to send any additional questions to City Administrator Steve Eden to forward to Kate Hayden.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) -

Commissioner McDowell shared the following: PW has the garland, bows, and Christmas lights up and ready for Light Up Simpsonville; Christmas tree will go up next week; New banners have been placed on streetlights; Streetscape bricks and signage have been repaired; Currently winterizing outdoor equipment to be ready for Spring.

Commissioner Hesse (Sewer) -

Commissioner Hesse shared the following: Montclair sewer surveys went out last week, due back December 15; Sludge Press Project bids are due next week.

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) -
Commissioner Garland shared the following: Light Up Simpsonville & Winter Wonderland is Saturday, December 7, 4-5:30pm Winter Wonderland at Simpsonville Elementary, 5:30-6:30pm Santa Stops to shop local, 6:30pm Light Up Simpsonville at Wiche Pavilion.

Commissioner Garland recognized PW/ Parks Director Chris Truelock who shared involvement with teaching gym class for one week at Simpsonville Elementary and the positive impact it's had on the basketball enrollment numbers with Simpsonville Parks & Rec. Most age groups are full, and registration is closed. Chris presented to the Mayor thank you letters from the children.

Commissioner Garland recognized Police Chief Thomas Brummer who shared a reminder regarding Black Friday traffic, encouraging drivers to seek alternate routes. He also shared Police calendars are available for anyone interested.

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) -.....-.....-.....-.....-.....-.....-.....-.....-.....-
Commissioner Emmons presented the October Expenditure Reports. No Discussion. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the October expenditure reports as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Sowder's Report:
Mayor Sowder shared a thank you from Meadow Ridge Apartment management regarding the repaving of Meadow Ridge Drive; and introduced Austin Dupre who was recently elected City Commissioner to fill the upcoming vacant seat of Commissioner Emmons, who chose not to run for reelection.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:
City Attorney Hays shared with the Commission that City of Shelbyville Attorney, Steve Gregory, plans to have the Code Enforcement Interlocal Agreement completed by the end of the year.

Mayor Sowder shared with City Attorneys his concern about the incomplete building on the corner of Shelbyville Road and First Street. City Administrator is to reach out to Triples Zoning and City Building Inspector to clarify the action to be taken.

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission, for approval, Ordinance #2024-013 regarding the annexation of property from Simpsonville Commons, LLC. City Attorney Brammell read the ordinance in summary. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept Ordinance #2024-013 for the first reading. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Ordinance #2024-013 will be placed on a future meeting agenda for the second reading and possible adoption.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a letter to submit to Triple S Zoning regarding the annexation of Simpsonville Commons, LLC property and needing the Mayor's signature.

Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the Triple S Zoning letter as presented and to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter. Commissioner Garland 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, a request from Shelby County Project Graduation for a donation to the 2025 Project Graduation. After discussion, **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve a \$500.00 donation to the 2025 SC Project Graduation. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden shared the following: He will be sending the revised employee handbook to the Commission for their review, to be presented at the December 2 city meeting for approval. The revised handbook will be reviewed with the employees at the City's employee meeting December 5; He shared the Commission received an invitation to ride in the Shelbyville Christmas Parade, Dec. 7, 10am.

Mayor Sowder recognized City Resident Mary Dovak:

Mayor Sowder recognized Mary Dovak, who requested to be on the agenda to share her concern regarding an additional entrance in Todds Station Subdivision, however, she was not in attendance. Mayor Sowder shared, regarding an additional entrance from Todds Station Subdivision to Shelbyville Road, the City has no intention of acquiring anyone's property for another entrance.

Mayor Sowder recognized guests and allowed them to share their comments. Those who shared were: Magistrate Karen Waller, Todds Station residents Chris Massler, Richard Ranney, and Roy Shuler.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 8:14 pm.

ATTEST:


Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:


Ronnie Sowder/Mayor