

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
JANUARY 7, 2025
6 PM

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

Mayor Sowder called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from December 17, 2024 city meeting. After review, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder made the recommendation to appoint the Commissioners to the following departments: Commissioner Hesse - Finance; Commissioner Garland - Safety and Parks; Commissioner Dupre - Sewer; Commissioner McDowell - Roads. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation of Commissioner Department Appointments. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

ShelbyKY President & CEO Janette Marson was not in attendance.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) - No Report

Commissioner Dupre (Sewer) - No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) - No Report

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) -

Commissioner Hesse presented to the Commission a letter, if approved, to send to the Lincoln Institute acknowledging the closure of Whitney Young Job Corps Center. After discussion, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to send the letter and to authorize the Mayor to sign. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Hesse acknowledged the return of sewer surveys from some of the Montclair residents. He shared he and City Administrator Eden will be meeting with a few of the residents to discuss further the project and what would be needed from the Montclair residents and/or property owners to proceed. Commissioner Hesse plans to send another letter to the those who did not return the initial survey, hoping to receive more participation.

Mayor Sowder's Report:

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, a revised legal services agreement from City Attorney Chelsey Brammell to include a \$4,500 quarterly retainer due to her now attending both meetings each month, effective January 1, 2025. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve City Attorney Brammell's legal services agreement, effective January 1, 2025, and to authorize the Mayor to sign. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Hays presented to the Commission his announcement to retire as legal counsel for the City of Simpsonville, effective January 7, 2025. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept City Attorney Hay's resignation effective January 7, 2025. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Brammell - No Report

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Miller reported, as of 01/07/25, the City has 34 unpaid 2024 property tax bills totaling \$10,963.79. Delinquent letters will continue to be sent from City Hall until May. Any delinquents will then be sent to the City Attorney for next action.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, a request to title impounded 2004 Ford F150, 2010 Ford Fusion, 2002 Ford E-350, and 2013 Chevrolet Sonic vehicles. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve to title and authorize Mayor to sign documents for the four vehicles, as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, Resolution #2025-001, pertaining to the agreement with the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority (KEDFA) for Kentuckiana Curb Company, Inc.. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve Resolution #2025-001 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden shared the City needs to consider an Ethics Officer and also provided an update on the Greens Drive sidewalk project.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 6:41 pm.

APPROVED:



Ronnie Sowder/Mayor

ATTEST:



Denise Miller/City Clerk