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CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
FEBRUARY 4, 2025
6 PM

Present: Mayor Sowder, Commissioners Dupre, Garland, Hesse, & McDowell, 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 January 21, 2025 city meeting. After review, Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized Hite Hays and presented to him a plaque acknowledging 25 years of service as Simpsonville's City Attorney. Mayor Sowder also recognized prior Mayors Steve Eden and Cary Vowels, with whom Hite served. Hite retired as City Attorney January 7, 2025.

Mayor Sowder recognized City Administrator for Park's Report:
City Administrator Eden, on behalf of PW/Park Director Truelock, presented to the Commission, for approval, a proposed pay rate and fee schedule for officials, leagues, class/clinics, and rentals. Commissioner Dupre made the motion to approve the proposed pay rate and fee schedule, as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of PW/Park Director Truelock, presented to the Commission, for approval, a request for bids for the Simpsonville playground next to the Purnell Shelter. Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the request to begin the bid process for the Simpsonville playground, as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation of Brett Martin as the Ethics Officer. Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the recommendation of Brett Martin as the Ethics Officer. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Oath of Office for Ethics Officer Brett Martin was administered by Mayor Sowder.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) -
Mayor Sowder inquired about the scraper blade damaged during a recent snow event. Commissioner McDowell confirmed the blade was heavily damaged and due to the age of the blade recommended not to repair. Commissioner McDowell made a motion to surplus the scraper blade. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dupre (Sewer) - No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) -

Commissioner Garland shared the Park Land Committee had their first meeting January 21 and the next meeting is scheduled for February 18. The team plans to take a trip to Bloomington fora park tour.

City Administrator shared with the Commission an issue regarding a gate in the fence row of the Park Land, therefore, Mayor Sowder suggested for City Attorney Brammell to send a letter to address the issue. The Commission was in agreement.

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) -

Commissioner Hesse shared with the Commission the results of the meeting with some of the Montclair residents regarding sewers for their area. Commissioner Hesse asked for approval to hold a second meeting Ma rch 24,6:00 pm. Commissioner Hesse made a motion to approve a second meeting with the Montclair residents. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hesse shared, as Commissioner of Finance, he had met with City Administrator Eden and City Clerk Miller to review the current budget process. He plans to attend the February 10 Department Head meeting to review department budget requests.

Mayor SowdeKs Report:

Mayor Sowder reminded those in attendance that the Governor will be visiting Simpsonville February 10 regarding the Trail Blazers grant awarded to ShelbyKY Tourism.

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to re-appoint Paula Garner to Triple S Zoning Commission to fill Simpsonviile's seat for a 4-year term ending December 31, 2028. Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the re-appointment of Paula Garner to fill Simpsonviile's seat on Triple S Zoning Commission as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission, for approval, the findings of fact regarding the zone change request, from Simpsonville Commons LLC, to Commercial Highway (CH). Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept Triple S Zoning's findings of fact and zone change recommendation. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission, for approval, Ordinance #2024-013 regarding the annexation of property from Simpsonville Commons LLC by consent 7.94 acres south of 1-64 and east of Buck Creek Road and in conjunction with Triple S Zoning's letter of recommendation. City Attorney Brammell read the ordinance in summary. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the second reading and adoption of Ordinance #2024-013. Commissioner Dupre seconded. A roll call vote is as follows:

Commissioner Dupre - Yes　　Commissioner Garland - Yes

Commissioner Hesse - Yes　　Commissioner McDowell - Yes

Mayor Sowder - Yes

Ordinance #2024-013 will be effective upon publication in the Sentinel News.

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission, for approval, Resolution #2025-002 for an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with certain public agencies regarding the Kentucky Bond Corporation. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve Resolution #2025-002 and authorize the Mayor to sign document. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission, for approval, Ordinance #2025-001 pertaining to the Finance Lease Agreement. City Attorney Brammell read the ordinance in its entirety. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #2025-001. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Ordinance #2025-001 will be placed on the February 18,2025 meeting agenda for the second reading and possible adoption.**

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission, for approval, an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement relating to the Kentucky Bond Corporation. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign document. 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, on behalf of PW/Parks Director True lock, presented to the Commission, for approval, a request to purchase a 200 gallon trailer mounted sprayer for a total of $5,721.10.
Cost includes replacement hose and tire and unexpected cost to prepare for use of equipment. **Commissioner Dupre made the motion to approve the purchase of a trailer mounted sprayer for $5,721.10, as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for their consideration, notification from Transportation Cabinet inquiring about participation with the Municipal Road Aid Cooperative Program. City has opted out in past years, therefore, City Administrator Eden recommended to continue to do so. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to opt out of the Cooperative Program. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a secondary employment request by Police Officer Hunter Beckley. After review, **Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the request as presented and authorize the Mayor to sign document. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, a request to title impounded 2011 Dodge Avenger vehicle. **Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve to title and authorize Mayor to sign documents for the vehicle, as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission a recommendation to reinvest a matured certificate of deposit for $186,982.13 from Independence Bank for another six month. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to allow City Administrator Eden to research for best investment opportunities and reinvest. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden shared with the Commission he had met with Kyle Young regarding a possible lease of the Park Land for hay. If approved to negotiate a lease with Kyle Young, the lease would be brought back to the Commission at the February 18 meeting. After discussion, Commissioner McDowell made a motion to authorize City Attorney Brammell to write a lease to include, but not limited to, a 3-year lease for $1.00 per year and to allow the City to re-evaluate the lease January 1 of each year. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 7:03 pm.

APPROVED:

Ronnie Sowder/Mayor

ATTEST/:

Denise Miller/City Clerk v