

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
MARCH 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 February 18, 2025 city meeting. After review, Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized, in the absence of ShelbyKY Tourism Director Janette Marsen, Marketing & Communications Coordinator Mason Warren who shared with the Commission the following: An overview of the Tourism budget, reiterating the Conference Center budget is separate from the restaurant tax; Acknowledging the Outlet Shoppes of the Bluegrass is still #1 stop of Shelby County; Continuing to encourage groups to tour the mall.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) -

Commissioner McDowell shared the following: Salt supply is good after a snowy season; Potholes have been filled to date; Streetscape floral and potting mix order being prepared with planters out week of May 5; Street sweeping of main thoroughfare this month and residential areas in June.

Commissioner Dupre (Sewer) - No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) -

Commissioner Garland reminded the Commission the Police Chiefs supervision under Mayor Sowder, after his probationary period, was to be redirected back to City Administrator Eden. Commissioner Garland made the motion to resend the waiver and place Police Chief Brummer back under the supervision of the City Administrator. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Garland shared the following: Winter Hoops ends the Wednesday; 2nd Season Hoops starts this weekend; Golden Creek Park Committee's first meeting was in February. The Committee will be visiting a Gold Medal award winning parks system next week; Sign-ups for Spring soccer, tee ball, baseball, and sports shorties are open until March 28; Farmers' Market season opens May 10th, every Saturday 9am-noon.

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) - No Report

Mayor Sowder's Report:

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to re-appoint Michelle Isenberg to the Human Rights Commission to fill Simpsonville's 3-year term effective March 21, 2025 . **Commissioner Garland made the motion to re-appoint Michelle Isenberg to the Human Rights Commission as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation from ShelbyKY Tourism Mason Warren to appoint Gabby Gallrein to fulfill the Hotel Joint Appointment to the Tourism Board, left vacant by Jeanette Auman, with term ending June 30, 2027. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the joint appointment of Gabby Gallrein to the Tourism Board as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Brammell shared, as previously requested by the Commission, she sent a letter to the owner next to the park land regarding the removal of a gate that had been placed in the fence row. City Administrator Eden shared, based on driving over the property, the gate is still being accessed to place manure on the park land, therefore, rutting the property and creating issues for the new farm lease. The Commission was in agreement for the Police Chief, along with the City Attorney and City Administrator, to create a notification letter to be sent to the property owner upon future violations involving the property.

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

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, a secondary employment request by Police Officer David Patterson. After review, **Commissioner Hesse 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 2009 Hyundai Sonata vehicle. **Commissioner Dupre made a motion to approve to title and authorize Mayor to sign documents for the vehicle, as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden recognized Police Chief Brummer who presented to the Commission, for approval, a request to donate the 2015 Chevy Cruze, an impounded, city titled vehicle unable to sell, to the Simpsonville Fire Department as a training vehicle for vehicle extrication. **Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the request, as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a landscape agreement with Joshua Reece on Greens Drive for the removal of landscape in the right-of-way to allow for developer Billy Doelker to connect sidewalks. After review, **Commissioner Hesse made a motion to approve the landscape agreement up to \$2,250 and authorize the Mayor to sign document. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the audit agreement from Cherry Bekaert Advisory LLC for \$27,925.00 for the June 30, 2025 year-end audit. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the audit agreement as presented and to authorize the Mayor to sign necessary document. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to issue \$100 to KIPDA for the City Clerk Spring Training held in Louisville this April and to allow City Clerk Miller to solicit businesses for donations. Commissioner Hesse made a motion to approve a \$100 sponsorship to the KMCA Spring Training and to allow City Clerk Miller to solicit for prizes. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

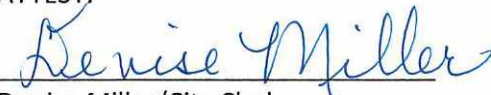
City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the annual agreement with OnSolve, LLC for the one-call system used by the City office and the Parks department, effective April 29, 2025. PW/Park Director Truelock shared the importance of the system. Commissioner Dupre made the motion to approve the one-call agreement as presented and to authorize the Mayor to sign necessary document. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PW/Parks Director Chris Truelock shared with the Commission his reevaluation of the Asst. Director position needed for the PW/Parks department. PW/Parks Director Truelock shared the previous interviews have lead him to consider the option to fill an additional Maintenance Laborer, an already approved position, and to engage seasonal part-time hires for the Parks department. An employment advertisement would be placed in the Sentinel News. The Commission was in agreement with PW/Park Director Truelock.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the agreement from Efexsys, the credit card support for the Utility upgrade from G4 to G5 with Alliance. Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve agreement as presented and to authorize the Mayor to sign necessary document. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:


Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:


Ronnie Sowder/Mayor