

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
MARCH 18, 2025
6 PM

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

Absent: Commissioner Dupre.

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

Pledge

Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from March 4, 2025 city meeting. After review, Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized ShelbyKY Tourism Director Janette Marsen who shared Tourism is preparing for the State Fair and needing partners to join them at the booth showcasing Shelby County, and inviting Simpsonville to participate and be a partner for the 2025 Kentucky State Fair held August 14-24.

Mayor Sowder recognized Public Works / Parks Director:

PW / Parks Director Chris Truelock presented to the Commission an update regarding the Purnell Shelter Playground bids. After his review of the four bids received, PW/Park Director Truelock presented to the Commission, for approval, his recommendation to accept the bid of \$42,834.00 from Bluegrass Recreation, along with an additional \$10K for any accidentals that may arise during the process. Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the \$52,834.00 for the playground project, as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road)-

Commissioner McDowell shared the following: Street sweeping will be done this month on the main thoroughfare and the residential areas will be done in June; All city curbs will be painted by end of day tomorrow; Outdoor public restrooms will re-open in April; Currently seeking a FT Maintenance/Laborer position, taking applications until April 4.

Commissioner Duprd (Sewer) -Absent

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) -

Commissioner Garland shared the following: The Park Land Committee took a trip to Indiana to visit a park; Sponsorships are now being sought out for The BOOM!; 2nd season hoops and sports shorties are in full swing with soccer and baseball starting early April.

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) -

Commissioner Hesse shared he will be leading a public meeting March 24 for the residents of Montclair regarding sewers.

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

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

Mayor Sowder's Report: No Report

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

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Miller shared, as the Simpsonville Appointees to the Human Rights Commission, she administered Oath of Office to Dana Presley, February 21, 2025 for term ending March 2027, and to Michelle Isenberg March 6, 2025 for term ending March 2028; Currently have eleven (11) 2024 delinquent property tax bills totaling \$4,497.88.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, Resolution #2025-004 for the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security regarding the grant application. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve Resolution #2025-004 and to authorize the Mayor to sign document. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, a secondary employment request by Police Officers Aikins, Beckley, Creek, Petty, Gaddis, Massey, Patterson, Risinger, Major Johnson, and Chief Brummer. After review. Commissioner Garland made a motion to approve all requests as presented and authorize the Mayor to sign documents. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, a request to title impounded 1993 Jeep Wrangler vehicle. Commissioner Hesse 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, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, updates made to the Police Department's Standard Operational Procedures Manual regarding Search & Seizure: Residences and Extra Duty Detail, Secondary Employment, Outside Employment. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the SOP Search & Seizure: Residences update, as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the SOP Extra Duty Detail, Secondary Employment, Outside Employment update, as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, a request to begin the process to hire a new Police Officer, lateral or recruit. After discussion, **Commissioner Hesse made a motion to approve for Chief Brummer to begin the hiring process of a new Police Officer. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission a request from Travis Adkinson to close the alley on the North side of Third Street. After discussion, the Commission was in agreement to allow City Administrator Eden to proceed with the process to prepare for the alley closure.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, Pay Request #1 from E-Z Construction Company for \$42,525.00 regarding the Sludge Press Project. **Commissioner Hesse made a motion to approve Pay Request #1 for the Sludge Press Project for \$42,525.00 payable to E-Z Construction. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a quote from Flynn Brothers for \$33,381.75 to repair and improve the access road to the Cardinal Club pump station and to repair the two sunken areas on Main Street. **Commissioner Garland made a motion to approve the quote for \$33,381.75 for the road repairs as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden shared with the Commission the easement negotiations for the Todds Point Sidewalk Project are in progress and waiting to finalize.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 6:52 pm.

ATTEST:



Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:



Ronnie Sowder/Mayor