

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
MAY 6, 2025
6 PM

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

Absent: Commissioner Garland

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

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Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from April 15, 2025 city meeting. After review, Commissioner Dupre made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ShelbyKY Tourism Director Janette Marsen was not in attendance.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) -

Commissioner McDowell recognized PW/Park Director Truelock who shared the following: The City's nationally recognized streetscape floral was planted and will be going up this week; New floral water pump is in and will decrease floral watering worktime by more than 70%; All snow equipment has been serviced and stored for next year.

Commissioner Dupre (Sewer) - No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) - Absent

Mayor Sowder recognized PW/Park Director Truelock who shared the following: Youth Soccer, Tee Ball, Baseball & Spring Sports Shorties are currently in operation; Registration open for Summer Hoops, Summer Sport Shorties, and youth soccer and basketball camps; The BOOM! is July 4th starting at 6 pm; Bobcat Farms has started growing cucumbers, tomatoes, and peppers at school and will be placing them on-site at the Wiche pavilion this month to eventually be sold at the Farmers' Market; Farmers' Market opens this Saturday 9 am - noon with 22 regular vendors, 30 vendors will be on-site for our grand opening this Saturday. New for 2025 is Bobcat Farms and Senior WIC program; Simpsonville playground equipment (next to Purnell Shelter) is scheduled to be removed this week with the new equipment scheduled to be installed by July. A Gaga ball pit is scheduled to be installed this month.

Mayor Sowder recognized Police Chief Brummer who shared 20 plus applications had been received from the recent police advertisement.

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) -

Commissioner Hesse presented to the Commission Ordinance #2025-002 pertaining to the 2025-2026 Budget. Due to no changes, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to waive the second reading of Ordinance #2025-002. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance #2025-002. Commissioner Dupre seconded. A roll call vote is as follows:**

Commissioner DupreA - Yes

Commissioner Garland - Absent

Commissioner Hesse - Yes

Commissioner McDowell - Yes

Ronnie Sowder- Yes

Ordinance #2025-002 will be effective upon publication in the Sentinel News.

Commissioner Hesse shared with the Commission a copy of the Montclair Sanitary Sewer Survey Summary based on information received from some of the residents. After discussion, Mayor Sowder requested Sewer Superintendent Bryan Romine's input be considered. Commissioner Hesse tabled the motion for him to proceed until he can meet with Sewer Superintendent Romine, Commissioner DupreA, and City Administrator Eden.

Mayor Sowder's Report:

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission a letter from the Shelby County Industrial & Development Foundation for a donation to support their continued efforts "in enhancing the county's infrastructure, workforce, and business landscape." After discussion, the Commission was in agreement to not participate at this time.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Brammell shared the annexations of the Simpsonville Commons property, and the Gaylord property are still pending due to mapping issues.

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission Ordinance #2025-003 pertaining to the requested Alley Closure along the east side of Third Street (Todds Point Road), north of Main Street, and south of the railway, running parallel to the railway. City Attorney Brammell read the ordinance in its entirety. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept Ordinance #2025-003 for the first reading. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Ordinance #2025-003 will be placed on the May 20, or next regular meeting agenda following receipt of all notices from abutting property owners, for the second reading and possible adoption.**

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission Ordinance #2025-004 pertaining to the Sewer Rate Increase. City Attorney Brammell read the ordinance in its entirety. After discussion, a change was made of the next effective date for the annual cost of living increase from July 1, 2011 to July 1, 2027.

Commissioner Dupre made the motion to accept Ordinance #2025-004, as amended, for the first reading. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Ordinance #2025-004 will be placed on the May 20 meeting agenda for the second reading and possible adoption.

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission, for approval, a letter of legal action for delinquent occupational taxes for a business in the city limits. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to authorize the City Attorney to proceed with legal action. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Brammell presented to the commission, for approval, a letter for two other local businesses who are delinquent with occupational taxes. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to authorize the City Attorney to proceed with sending the letters. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

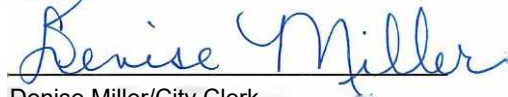
Mayor Sowder recognized the City Clerk's Report:
City Clerk Miller shared with the Commission the delinquent property tax bills who are not responding to delinquent tax notices are ready to be turned over to City Attorney Brammell.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:
City Administrator Eden, on behalf of PW / Parks Director Truelock, presented to Commission, for approval, the recommendation to resend the job offer to Sean Bryan as the new PW / Parks Maintenance Laborer at \$18.00/hour due to a recent event prior to his start date. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to resend the job offer to Sean Bryan as presented. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden shared with the Commission the following: The 107 Old Veechdale Road Lease Agreement is due to be renewed; The "Notice to Proceed" for the Sewer Sludge Press Project was ready for the Mayor's signature.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 6:59 pm.

ATTEST:



Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:



Ronnie Sowder/Mayor