

CITYOFSIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
MAY 20, 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.

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Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from May 6, 2025 road fund public hearing and city meeting. After review, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

ShelbyKY Tourism Director Janette Marsen had no report.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) - No Report

Commissioner Dupre (Sewer) - Absent

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) -

Commissioner Garland shared the Gaylord Park Committee Team was meeting tonight.

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) -

Commissioner Hesse presented the April Expenditure Reports. No discussion. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the April expenditure reports as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Mayor Sowder's Report: No Report

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

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. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance #2025-004. Commissioner McDowell seconded. A roll call vote is as follows:**

Commissioner Dupré - Absent

Commissioner Garland - Yes

Commissioner Hesse - Yes

Commissioner McDowell - Yes

Ronnie Sowder-Yes

Ordinance #2025-004 will be effective upon publication in the Sentinel News.

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 request to title impounded 1996 White Dodge 2500 Van, effective May 25, 2025 and 2006 White Chrysler 300, effective immediately. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve to title and authorize Mayor to sign document for the vehicles, as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden shared with the Commission the 107 Old Veechdale Road Lease Agreement due to be renewed effective June 15, 2025 for another year. After discussion, **Commissioner Garland made the motion to authorize the City Attorney to update the lease agreement for up to 12 months. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden recognized PW / Parks Director Truelock, who presented to Commission for approval, a request to keep available both of the previously approved Asst. Director and Maintenance Laborer positions. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to allow both positions to be available for PW/Parks Director Truelock to fill. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden shared the following: City Hall Bond was paid in full Monday of this week; KIPDA is working on the financial draw process for the Sludge Press Project; Need to table approval of an employee's shift recognition until discussion with Commissioner Garland. Plan to present at next meeting.

Mayor Sowder called for a closed session to discuss potential business opportunities in Simpsonville. Based on KRS61.810(l)(g), discussions between a public agency and a representative of a business entity and discussions concerning a specific proposal, if open discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of the business, is required to be in closed session. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to enter into closed session at 6:21 pm. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Hesse made the motion to return from closed session at 7:01 pm. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to deny tax incentive request with Project S at this time due to lack of information. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hesse made a motion to have City Attorney Brammell review and update Ordinance #2021-005. 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:

ATTEST:

Ronnie Sowder/Mayor

Denise Miller/City Clerk-