

CITYOFSIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
June 3, 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.

Pledge

Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from May 20, 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 the PW / Parks Director:

PW/Parks Director Chris Truelock recognized Debbie Griesinger, General Manager for the Outlet Shoppes of the Bluegrass, who then recognized Brandi Taylor, Marketing Director for the Outlet Shoppes. Together they shared with the Commission the Outlet Shoppes of the Bluegrass' 2026 The BOOM! event presentation. The presentation covered the proposed venue, marketing opportunities, additional events, event budget, and their desire to partner with the City of Simpsonville's Parks Department for the next few years. After discussion, Commissioner Hesse made the motion for the City to partner with the Outlet Shoppes of the Bluegrass for the 2026 The BOOM! event with a \$30K investment from the City. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PW / Parks Director Truelock presented to Commission, for approval, the recommendation to hire Jordan Bailey as the new PW / Parks Assistant Director with an annual salary of \$49,920, pending results from the background check and physical. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the hiring of Jordan Bailey as presented. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) - No Report

Commissioner Dupre (Sewer) -

Commissioner Dupre shared with the Commission that he, Commissioner Hesse, City Administrator Eden, and Sewer Superintendent Romine had met to discuss the ability to provide sewer service to the Montclair area through a grant previously referred to by Commissioner Hesse. Commissioner Dupre made the motion to authorize the City to submit a federal grant application and to only proceed with 100% funding for a sewer project. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) - Absent

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) -

Commissioner Hesse shared with the Commission his plans to meet with City Administrator Eden to review a 5-year budget projection.

Mayor Sowder's Report:

Mayor Sowder shared with the Commission he received a verbal request for a ShelbyKY Tourism reappointment from the Shelby County Chamber, however, with nothing in writing requested to table the appointment until documentation is received. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to table the ShelbyKY Tourism reappointment request. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Brammell shared with the Commission that no second reading could be taken on the alley closure due to not having received all consent documents. She also shared the temporary event contracts regarding The BOOM! are ready for review and the Mayor's signature.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Miller shared with the Commission employees, with a local business, who are not responding to occupational tax notices are ready to be turned over to City Attorney Brammell.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the 2024 KBI request from Shady Rays. After discussion regarding unmet projections, Commissioner Hesse made the motion to deny the 2024 KBI request from Shady Rays as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the 1-year lease agreement for 107 Old Veechdale Road and to authorize the Mayor to sign. A twelve month notice will also be presented to the tenants by the City Administrator. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the 1-year lease agreement as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, two options for the generator at Bullitt Road pump station. A quote of \$7100 is needed to repair with no guarantee or replacement for \$48K. After discussion, Commissioner Dupre made the motion to purchase a new generator, approving up to \$50K. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden recognized Police Chief Brummer who presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to not renew Retired Rehired Police Officer David Patterson's annual contract. After discussion, Commissioner McDowell made the motion to not renew Police Officer Patterson's annual contract. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized Adam Borders, Rolling Ridge HOA President, who shared the following: Residents are concerned regarding the traffic speed on Evergreen Way, requesting for the electronic speed signs to be utilized. After discussion, the Commission was in agreement to have Police Chief Brummer place the electronic speed signs on Evergreen Way to study traffic patterns; Rolling Ridge Residents are concerned about the overflow parking from the apartment complex. Mayor Sowder requested Police Chief Brummer to monitor the area for overnight street parking, which is prohibited in the city limits.

Mayor Sowder recognized Mason Warren, ShelbyKY Tourism Marketing & Communications Coordinator, who shared a Save The Date for a Tourism Partner Meeting on July 23, 2025, 8:30-10:00 AM at the dining court of the Outlet Shoppes of the Bluegrass, with official invites to come; Three press strips coming.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 6:55 pm.

ATTEST:


Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:


Ronnie Sowder/Mayor