

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
June 17, 2025
6 PM

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

Absent: 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 June 3, 2025 city meeting. After review, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized ShelbyKY Tourism Director, Janette Marson, who shared with the Commission an overview of the 2024 Economic Impact of Tourism in Kentucky.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) -

Commissioner McDowell shared the Streetscape flowers are doing well, the American Flags are up and will remain up through July 4.

Commissioner Dupre (Sewer) -

Commissioner Dupre shared with the Commission, due to potential retirements next year and to allow for proper training, the need to begin the hiring process for another employee at the sewer plant. **Commissioner Dupre made the motion to start the hiring process. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) -

Commissioner Garland share the following: Youth soccer, tee ball, baseball & Spring sport shorties have concluded; Soccer camp is taking place now with Hoops camp starting next week; The BOOM! is July 4 starting at 6pm at corner of 60 and Citizens Blvd.; The Bobcat Farms plots on site are doing well, and they will begin selling produce at the market next week; Farmers' Market every Saturday, 9am-noon; Simpsonville park's new playground equipment is on-site and will be installed soon; Four new soccer goals have been delivered to replace our aged goals and ready for the Fall season.

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) - No Report

Mayor Sowder's Report:

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation from Shelby County Chamber of Commerce to re-appoint Gary Walls to the ShelbyKY Tourism Board with term ending June 30, 2028. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the re-appointment of Gary Walls to the Tourism Board as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation from ShelbyKY Tourism Jeanette Marson to re-appoint Bethany Smith, a Hotel Joint Appointee, to the Tourism Board with term ending June 30, 2028. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the joint appointment of Bethany Smith to the Tourism Board as presented. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for discussion, a request from C3 Industries to reconsider allowing cannabis to be sold in Simpsonville. No action was taken.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission, for their review, an ordinance revising job development incentives.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, two invoices from Kenvirons, one for \$171,928.60 and one for \$8,036.00, for the WWTP Sludge Press Project. Payment will be made from Operating 1 Fund and reimbursed by the grant. **Commissioner Dupre made the motion to approve to pay the two invoices for \$179,964.60 from Kenvirons as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, Pay Request #2 from E-Z Construction Company, Inc. for \$120,028.27 for the WWTP Sludge Press Project. Payment will be made from Operating 1 Fund and reimbursed by the grant. **Commissioner Dupre made the motion to approve to pay the \$120,028.27 from E-Z Construction Company as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a sidewalk easement purchase request for Parcel 3, 6791 Shelbyville Road LLC, for \$34,194.00. After discussion, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve to pay 6791 Shelbyville Road LLC \$34,194.00 as presented and authorize Mayor to sign document. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, to surplus the following items: Network Switch (24), Network Switch (12), and Router. Items will be placed on GovDeals. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the items for surplus. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, resignation letters from Officer Rick Jewel, effective May 28, 2025, and Officer Kyle Creek, effective June 19, 2025. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept both resignation letters from Officer Jewell and Officer Creek. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to hire Alexander Marsen as a Lateral Police Officer, Pay Grade 8 Yr. at \$29.29/hour, effective June 18, 2025. After discussion, Commissioner Dupre made the motion to hire Alexander Marsen as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, shared with the Commission a letter stating the Simpsonville Police Department has been awarded \$13,000.00 from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Law Enforcement Protection Program Grant. City Administrator Eden requested approval for the Mayor to sign the Law Enforcement Protection Program (LEPP) Body Armor Application. After discussion, Commissioner Garland made the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the LEPP Body Armor Application. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the Shelby County Public School Resource Officer Agreement, which also includes for 25/26 school year a reimbursement of \$25K back to the City. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the School Resource Office Agreement and to authorize the Mayor and Police Chief to sign the agreement. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation for Office Joshua Risinger to be assigned as the next School Resource Officer at Simpsonville Elementary School for the 25/26 school year. Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the assignment as School Resource Officer for Officer Joshua Risinger. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

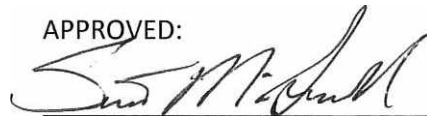
Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 6:34 pm.

ATTEST:



Denise Miller/City Clerk ^

APPROVED:



Scott McDowell/Mayor Pro-Tern