

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM

July 15, 2025
6 PM

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

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

Pledge

Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from July 1, 2025 city meeting. After review, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) -

Commissioner McDowell shared the following: New 550 truck is in, preparing for the dump to be installed; Staff is keeping up with mowing, tree removal, floral and streetscape care; Resident on Rolling Ridge Way, close to Evergreen, has shared concern of drainage issue due to driveway culverts being under ground level. Engineer will acquire information and City Administrator will bring recommendation back to the Commission.

Commissioner Dupre (Sewer) - No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) -

Commissioner Garland shared the following: Fall Festival is September 13; Registration is open for Fall soccer, flag football, and cheerleading; Simpsonville Park playground, next to Purnell Shelter, is complete. Last steps are to move the GaGa pit closer to the playground, grading, seeding, and landscaping around the shelter; Commend the Parks and Police Department for the BOOM! and cleanup.

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) -

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

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

Commissioner Hesse presented to the Commission Ordinance #2025-005 pertaining to the 2024-2025 budget amendment. Commissioner Hesse called on City Clerk Miller to read the 2024-2025 budget changes. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept Ordinance #2025-005 for the first reading. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Ordinance #2025-005 will be placed on the August 5, 2025 meeting agenda for the second reading and possible adoption.**

Mayor Sowder's Report:

Mayor Sowder inquired about the following: Sludge press storage timeline; Todds Point Sidewalk Project timeline - City Administrator Eden to follow up with Transportation; Code Enforcement Agreement status - Shelbyville Attorney working on it.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Brammell shared with the Commission Ordinance #2025-003, pertaining to the requested alley closure, will be amended and presented at a future meeting.

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

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of PW/Park Director Truelock, presented to the Commission, for approval, an Emergency Tree Service Agreement with Benito Rodriguez for \$20,000.00 for July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026. After discussion, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the Emergency Tree Service Agreement, as presented, and authorize the Mayor to sign required document. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, a request to title impounded vehicles 1999 Red Toyota Corolla, effective 07/19/25. **Commissioner Dupre made the motion to approve to title and authorize Mayor to sign document for the vehicle as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission the Grant Funds Closeout Exhibit 11, to be executed once all grant funds are expended, needing the Mayor's and City Administrator's signatures. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to authorize for the Mayor and City Administrator to sign document for the grant funds as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden shared he had met with KLC Financial Services Manager, Steven Pickarski, regarding the procedure to process payment request on the City's loan.

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, resignation letter from Officer Alex Marson, effective immediately. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to accept the resignation letter from Officer Marson. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 6:31 pm.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Ronnie Sowder/Mayor


Denise Miller/City Clerk