

**CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
August 19, 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.

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Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from August 5, 2025 city meeting. After review, Commissioner Dupre made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) -

Commissioner McDowell shared the flowers along Shelbyville Road that did not survive the heat will start to be removed by Public Works.

Commissioner Dupre (Sewer) - No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) -

Commissioner Garland shared the following: A reminder the Fall Festival is Saturday, September 13 with the parade starting at 10am and any interested participants can reach out to PW / Park Director Chris Truelock; Fall soccer, flag football and cheerleading begins this week.

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) -

Commissioner Hesse presented to the Commission, for approval, Resolution #2025-005 regarding the KY W Waters. City Attorney Brammell read the resolution in full. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve Resolution #2025-005 and for the Mayor to sign document. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Mayor Sowder's Report:

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, a request from the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development for a letter of support for Project Aegis. After discussion, Commissioner Hesse made the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the support letter for Project Aegis. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Brammell shared the updates with the job incentive ordinance. City Attorney Brammell also requested the Commission's direction regarding the Code Enforcement Agreement. Commission was in agreement for City Attorney Brammell to prepare the agreement to present at the next meeting.

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

Commissioner Garland shared with the Commission a request from Simpsonville Methodist Church to declare a Proclamation for September 30 regarding 200 years of service.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for consideration, a request to engage Kenviron Engineers to begin engineering for the next sewer plant expansion to address future capacity needs. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to authorize the City Administrator to engage with the engineers to begin the process. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission a request for direction with the 2-story building. Anticipated cost will require the bid process for update project. After discussion, Commissioner Hesse made the motion to allow City Administrator Eden to request a proposal from an architect for the 2-story and to include the gym restrooms update. 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 vehicle 2013 Black Ford Escape, effective 08/15/25. Commissioner Hesse 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 shared there are no police resignations to be presented.

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, the request to hire Paul B. Paris as a lateral police officer at the 10-year officer rate of \$31.37 with a start date of August 25, 2025, 8:00 am, pending medical results. After discussion, Commissioner Hesse made the motion to hire Paul B. Paris as presented. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, the effective start date of September 15, 2025 for Police Recruit Paul Froehlich to enter the Police Academy September 29, 2025 and to authorize the Mayor to sign Froehlich's Police Recruit Contract. Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve Paul Froehlich's start date of September 15, 2025 to enter the academy September 29, 2025 and for the Mayor to sign Froehlich's contract as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, the effective start date of October 20, 2025 for Police Recruits Dierdre Rivera and Corbin O'Bryan, both to enter the Police Academy November 3, 2025, and to authorize the Mayor to sign Rivera's and O'Bryan's Police Recruit Contract. Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve Rivera's and O'Bryan's start date of October 20, 2025 to enter the academy November 3, 2025 and for the Mayor to sign Rivera's and O'Bryan's contract as presented. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hesse made the recommendation to allow Police Chief Brummer, at his discretion, to hire a lateral officer as positions become vacated. After discussion, Commissioner Garland made the motion to authorize the Police Chief to hire a lateral officer as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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 Hesse made the motion to enter into closed session at 6:51 pm. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to return from closed session at 7:49 pm. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

No one from the public returned to the meeting.

Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve a 3-year incentive of one-half of a percent (.5%) for new jobs created and activated within 5 years of the date of occupancy and will not apply to existing jobs relocating within Kentucky. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder called for a closed session to discuss a personnel matter. Based on KRS61.810(l)(f), discussions which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee without restricting that employee's right to a public hearing, if requested, is required to be in closed session. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to enter into closed session at 7:53 pm. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

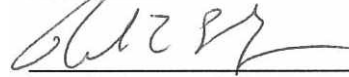
City Clerk Miller was excused from the closed session.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to return from closed session at 8:54 pm. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously. No action was taken.

No one from the public returned to the meeting.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 9:05 pm.

APPROVED:



Ronnie Sowder/Mayor

ATTEST:



Denise Miller/City Clerk