

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
SEPTEMBER 2, 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 19, 2025 city meeting. After review, Commissioner Dupre made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized the PW / Parks Director's Report:

PW / Parks Director Truelock presented to the Commission, for approval, a request from the Simpsonville Baptist Church to utilize the Wiche Pavilion parking lot as overflow parking for Sunday morning SBC services and to identify the lot with a mobile flag. After discussion, Commissioner Hesse made the motion to allow SBC to utilize Wiche Pavilion parking lot as overflow parking and to identify with a mobile flag. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) -

Commissioner McDowell shared the following: Streetscape flowers are winding down and will be removed as they begin to look less than pleasing; The new dump truck will be equipped by the end of September.

Commissioner Dupre (Sewer) -

Commissioner Dupre shared he has received progress pictures of the Sludge Press Project and everything is moving along.

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) -

Commissioner Garland shared the following: Fall Festival is Saturday, September 13 from 8am - 3pm with the parade at 10am, Purnell's sausage biscuits & gravy served at the food tent from 8am - 10:30am, Farmers' Market, Vendor booths, Bouncies and other activities, cake walk, Purnell's Gravy Bowl Flag football games during the day, and food tent from 10:30am - 3pm; The Park Planning Committee will send a survey to City of Simpsonville residents mid-September requesting input and will also be hosting a booth at the Fall Festival with an on-line survey available; Commissioners are invited to attend Simpsonville Elementary September 15, 2025 at 7:45 am for Kentucky Department of Agriculture Education Week.

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) -

Commissioner Hesse shared with the Commission he received confirmation from KIPDA that the City of Simpsonville does not qualify for the grant he currently was pursuing to allow Montclair residents to obtain sewers. He will continue to pursue other grant options.

Mayor Sowder's Report:

Mayor Sowder shared he would like the Commission to consider a pay rate increase for the next elected officials. City Administrator Eden shared the action needs to be approved before next year's applicant deadline.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Brammell shared she is still working on the tax abatement ordinance update. She also confirmed with the Commission two Simpsonville appointments and five Shelbyville appointments for the Code Enforcement Board in order for her to complete the joint agreement.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Miller presented to the Commission Ordinance #2025-006 pertaining to the Ad Valorem Tax. Due to no changes, City Clerk Miller entertained a motion to waive the second reading of Ordinance #2025-006. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to waive the second reading of Ordinance #2025-006. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the second reading and adoption of Ordinance #2025-006. Commissioner Garland seconded. A roll call vote is as follows:

Commissioner Dupre - Yes

Commissioner Garland - Yes

Commissioner Hesse - Yes

Commissioner McDowell - Yes

Mayor Sowder - Yes

Ordinance #2025-006 will be effective upon publication in the Sentinel News.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, Pay Request #5 from E-Z Construction Company, Inc. for \$229,768.15 for the WWTP Sludge Press Project. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve payment of \$229,768.15 to E-Z Construction Company as presented. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, an invoice from Kenvirons for \$11,689.00 for the WWTP Sludge Press Project. Commissioner Dupre made the motion to approve payment of \$11,689.00 to Kenvirons as presented. Commissioner Hesse 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 1998 Gray Jeep Grand Cherokee, effective 08/30/25, 1999 Silver Toyota Avalon, effective 09/03/25, 2010 Black Nissan Altima, effective 09/10/25, 2013 White Hyundai Sonata, effective 09/07/25, 2016 Orange Ford Escape, effective 09/10/25, and 2019 Silver Ford Fiesta, effective 09/10/25. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve to title and authorize Mayor to sign document for the vehicles as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, the resignation letter from Officer Hunter Beckley, effective September 12, 2025. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to accept the resignation of Officer Beckley, effective September 12, 2025. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, the request to hire David Matthew Slovak as a lateral police officer at the 5-year officer rate of \$27.60 with a three-year contract and a start date of September 11, 2025, 8:00 am, pending medical results. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to hire David Matthew Slovak as presented. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, a recommendation to waive the 2-year minimum years with Simpsonville Police Department and promote Detective David Aikins to Police Sergeant. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to waive the 2-year requirement and promote Detective Aikins to Police Sergeant, effective immediately, with 11 years of experience at \$36.37 per hour. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator recognized Police Chief Brummer who recognized Officer Joe Massey for recently receiving a Kentucky Seatbelt Enforcement award.

Police Chief Brummer also presented to the Commission, for approval, a request to re-open, due to a new vendor, the on-line store for the public to purchase Simpsonville Police apparel and other items. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the on-line store as presented. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a donation request from the 2025 Christmas Toy Store Committee. City Administrator Eden shared last year's donation was \$250. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to issue a \$250 donation to SBC Christmas Toy Store. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a quote of \$13,500.00 from Flynn Brothers for the Rolling Ridge Ditch Restoration Project. A second quote was submitted for \$25K from another road construction company. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the quote of \$13,500.00 to Flynn Brothers as presented. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner McDowell requested an update on the lights for the playground. City Administrator Eden shared, with existing lights, one new light had been installed. City Administrator Eden will reevaluate any dark areas.

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 6:33 pm. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hesse made the motion to return from closed session at 7:04 pm. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

No one from the public returned to the meeting.

Commissioner Hesse made the motion for City Attorney Brammell to prepare a property tax ordinance. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 7:06 pm.

ATTEST:



Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:



Ronnie Sowder/Mayor