

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
OCTOBER 21, 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.

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Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from October 7, 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: Parking lot lines at City Hall, police station, and Simpsonville Park have been re-painted; Trees have been removed from the front of the 2-story building; Snow trucks are prepped and ready with the new dump truck scheduled to be equipped by this Friday.

Commissioner Dupre (Sewer) - No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) - Absent

Mayor Sowder recognized PW / Park Director Truelock who shared the following: Farmers' Market is closed for the season and will re-open May 9, 2026; Registration is now open for Winter co-rec basketball, girls' basketball and cheerleading; Winter Wonderland & Light Up Simpsonville will be held Saturday, December 12, 4pm - 9pm; Simpsonville's Light Fight is open for registration on our website; Final phase playground bids are now being accepted through November 13 with the project to be completed no later than June 15, 2026.

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) -

Commissioner Hesse requested status regarding secondary employment requests only needing approval by the Police Chief, as the Commission previously approved at a prior meeting. City Attorney Brammell had no opinion at this time and will research.

Commissioner Hesse inquired about the employee health insurance and whether we should research other options. City Administrator Eden and City Clerk Miller shared their findings from a previous request from the prior year that our rates are comparable.

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

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

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, a request from Jeff Ivers, Shelby County Coroner, for the City of Simpsonville to assist with the purchase of an OSCR360 system and essential supplies for their incident Response Unit. After discussion, Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve a payment to the SC Coroner's office of \$7K to assist with the purchase of the OSCR360 system. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission a letter from the Governor offering the services of the National Guard at no cost once all city resources have been exhausted. The National Guard would not be armed and would not have any police powers. After discussion, Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve for the Police Chief to proceed to determine if needed and to allow the Mayor or Police Chief to sign documentation. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:
City Attorney Brammell had nothing to present regarding the revised Code Enforcement Interlocal Agreement with the City of Shelbyville.

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

Mayor Sowder recognized ShelbyKY Tourism President & CEO Janette Marson, who shared the following: An invite was offered to attend any Tourism meeting; Shared research for 2025 tourism; 105K visitor guides have been distributed; Transient tax continues to increase; Restaurant tax can now be paid online; Recent new hire is bi-lingual; Additional funds have been added to the advertising budget for tourism.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:
City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission the maturity notices for two certificates of deposit, one for \$944,679.97 with Traditional Bank and one for \$192,720.70 with Independence Bank, requesting direction. Based on upcoming invoices for the Sewer Sludge Press Project, City Administrator Eden recommended to move the Traditional Bank CD to the City's Money Market account with German American Bank and to roll over the Independence Bank CD for another three months. After discussion, Commissioner Dupre made the motion to approve the recommendation by City Administrator Eden. 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 vehicle 2013 Red Ford Focus, effective 10/22/25. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve to title and authorize Mayor to sign document for the vehicle as presented. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a sidewalk trip hazard proposal not to exceed \$6,000.00 from Precision Concrete Cutting. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the trip hazard proposal as presented and authorize the Mayor to sign document. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, a request to invite the Simpsonville Elementary kids to participate in a competition to design a logo for the School Resource Officer's car. Mayor Sowder also wants the current SRO to have input. Chief Brummer also shared a local business is willing to sponsor the cost. After discussion, Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the competition and to accept the sponsorship offered from TCR. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of PW / Park Director Truelock, presented to the Commission, for approval, a request to install a vending machine in the gym and to enter into a one-year agreement with Neighborly Vending Services LLC. After discussion, Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve to install a vending machine, as presented, and authorize the Mayor to sign document. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder presented the ceremonial oath of office to Sergeant David Aikins.

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 Dupre made the motion to enter into closed session at 6:37 pm. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried

Commissioner Hesse made the motion to return from closed session at 6:55 pm. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the Project S proposed incentives as follows: Industrial Revenue Bond (IRB) for forty years issued by Simpsonville and Shelby County with costs/fees to issue shared 50/50 between the City and County and PILOT agreements for Shelby County Schools (hold harmless), Simpsonville Fire District (hold harmless), Simpsonville Police (\$100K annually), Shelby County EMS (\$150K annually) with agreement by Shelby County to keep EMS in Fire Station closest to industrial park, Shelby County Extension Services (\$50K annually), Shelby County Soil Conservation (\$25K annually), and .25% occupational tax rate abatement for five years for both Shelby County and City of Simpsonville with a grace period of up to two years after occupancy to begin receiving incentives. Shelby County and City of Simpsonville will receive 100% of occupational taxes after the fifth year of incentives. If the IRB can only be in one name it will be Simpsonville. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 6:58 pm.

APPROVED:

Ronnie Sowder/Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Denise". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Denise Miller/City Clerk