

CITYOFSIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
NOVEMBER 4, 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 October 21, 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 PW / Park Director's Report:

PW / Park Director Truelock presented to the Commission, for approval, General Park Rules And Regulations as established by PW / Park Director Truelock. After discussion, direction was given to the City Attorney to draft an ordinance.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) - No Report

Commissioner Dupre (Sewer) - No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) -

Commissioner Garland shared the Police Department is currently interviewing for one, maybe two, lateral police officers.

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) -

Commissioner Hesse requested City Administrator Eden check with Ryan Libke with Triple S Zoning regarding the City's Comprehensive Plan regarding data centers.

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for discussion, a request from C3 Industries to reconsider allowing a medical marijuana dispensary in the Simpsonville city limits. After discussion, Commission agreed position has not changed.

Mayor Sowder shared with the Commission to clarify secondary employment approvals that would allow for two signatures, the Department Head and Assistant Department Head, or City Administrator if no assistant. City Administrator will approve and sign all department head request.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Brammell shared she had submitted the Code Enforcement Agreement to Shelbyville, however, she has received no response.

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

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, Pay Request #7 from E-Z Construction Company, Inc. for \$87,083.82 for the WWTP Sludge Press Project. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve payment of \$87,083.82 to E-Z Construction Company as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, an invoice from Kenvirons for \$4,590.00 for the WWTP Sludge Press Project. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve payment of \$4,590.00 to Kenvirons as presented. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, an invoice from Ferguson Waterworks for \$15,058.87 to complete the installation of safety features at Todd Station, Purnell Sausage, and Cardinal Club pump stations and to be paid from the Effluent Fund. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the Ferguson Waterworks invoice as presented. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Sewer Superintendent Romine, presented to the Commission, for approval, the request to hire Tim Sanford as a Wastewater Operator trainee with a start date of November 10, 2025, at the rate of \$20.00 per hour with a \$1.00 per hour increase after six months if meeting or exceeding job expectations. After discussion, **Commissioner Dupre made the motion to hire Tim Sanford as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a draft agreement from Kenvirons for professional engineering services for a sewer plant expansion. Due to recommended changes by the Commission, the revised agreement will be presented at a later meeting.

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, a request to title impounded vehicles 2014 White Nissan Altima, effective 11/06/25 and 2014 White Chevrolet Impala, effective 11/07/25. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve to title and authorize Mayor to sign documents for the vehicles as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of PW / Park Director Truelock, presented to the Commission, for approval, an invoice for \$10,900.00 from Rodriguez Tree Service to trim trees around the Storage and Salt Bin lot. City Administrator Eden shared this would be expensed to the contract service for the current fiscal year. After discussion, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the Rodriguez Tree Service invoice as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Garland requested the line of sight when turning left from West Main Street on to Todd's Point Road be evaluated and addressed. And to add signage informing drivers cross traffic does not stop at Second Street and Main Street intersection. Requested stop bar lines to be covered.

City Administrator Eden recognized Police Chief Brummer to share details with the Commission regarding the \$3,500.00 quote from Blue Voice. The charge includes complimentary software from November 11, 2025 to June 30, 2026 with the invoice due July 1, 2026 for July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 service. After discussion, Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the Blue Voice Inc. invoice as presented and authorize the Mayor to sign document. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden shared the following:

Engineers recommend to advertise for sidewalk project bids in the Spring; City Administrator Eden and PW / Park Director Truelock met with Commissioner Hesse to discuss future use and/or upgrade of the 2-story building. After discussion, the Commission requested an RFQ. be completed for a Phase 1 Study, which will determine if we proceed with a Phase 2 (Final) Study; An invitation has been offered for the elected officials to participate in the Shelbyville Christmas Parade, December 6, 2025, 10am, and for those interested to contact him.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 7:21 pm.

ATTEST:


Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:


Ronnie Sowder/Mayor