

CITYOF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
DECEMBER 2, 2025
6 PM.

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

Absent: 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 November 18, 2025 city meeting. After review, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Sewer Superintendent Bryan Romine's Sludge Press Project update will be moved to the December 16, 2025 regular city meeting.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) -

Commissioner McDowell shared good job on snow removal and all equipment working well.

Commissioner Dupre (Sewer) -

Commissioner Dupre made the motion to appoint Andrew Stuck! to the Code Enforcement Board. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dupre made the motion to appoint Cary Vowels to the Code Enforcement Board. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) -

Commissioner Garland shared a reminder for Light Up Simpsonville this Saturday evening.

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) - No Report

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, a recommendation to appoint Danielle Humes to the Human Right's Commission, effective January 1, 2026, to serve the remainder 3 years of the 3-year term vacated by Michelle isenberg. **Commissioner Dupre made the motion to approve the appointment of Danielle Humes to the Human Right's Commission as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Garland made the motion to accept the resignations of Michelle Isenberg and Dana Presley from the Human Right's Commission. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission Ordinance #2025-009 pertaining to Rules and Regulations for City Parks. City Administrator Eden read the ordinance in its summary. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #2025-009. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Ordinance #2025-009 will be placed on the December 16, 2025 meeting agenda for the second reading and possible adoption.**

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Clerk's Report: Absent

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, Pay Request #8 from E-Z Construction Company, Inc. for \$255,179.96 for the WWTP Sludge Press Project. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve payment of \$255,179.96 to E-Z Construction Company as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a recommendation to compensate Matt Ware, Sewer Operator, for obtaining his Class III Sewer Certification with a \$1.00 per hour increase effective December 1 for the December 18 pay period. **Commissioner Dupre made the motion to improve the pay increase as presented. Commission Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, the request to hire Jay Moss, a retired police officer, at the 10-year officer rate of \$31.37 with an annual contract and a start date of December 3, 2025. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to hire Jay Moss, as presented, and authorize the Mayor to sign a one-year contract. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, a quote from Axon Enterprise, Inc. for \$33,448.45, due to additional police personnel and fleet, for a forty-five (45) month contract, in addition to the original contract, both to expire after August 2028. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the contract, as presented, and authorize the Mayor to sign contract. 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 6:19 pm. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to return from closed session at 7:28 pm. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hesse made the motion to give a seven (7) day suspension, without pay, to Police Officers Gaddis and Paris for serious violation of policy. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 7:30 pm.

ATTEST:

Denise Miller
Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:

Ronnie Sowder
Ronnie Sowder/Mayor