

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
DECEMBER 16, 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 December 2, 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 ShelbyKY Tourism's report:

ShelbyKY Tourism President & CEO Janette Marson shared the following: ShelbyKY Tourism won gold on their 2025 visitor guide; Janette was the State Tourism Director of the Year recipient; 2026 visitor guide now includes venues; Tourism will work with Chris regarding participation with promoting the new park; Visitor guides were shared at the New York travel show; Tourism is also advertising internationally; The Outlet Shoppes continues to be a big attraction, based on research.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Sewer Superintendent's report:

Sewer Superintendent Romine shared with the Commission an update regarding the Sludge Press Project including pictures of the progress. Sewer Superintendent Romine also confirmed the access road will need to be repaired and will get a quote. City Administrator Eden also shared a financial update on the project.

Mayor Sowder recognized Lee Ann Watters, with Cherry Bekaert Advisory, to present the June 30, 2025 audit report and everyone was provided a copy. Ms. Watters reported that the City received an unmodified opinion. After presentation, Mayor Sowder asked if the Commission was ready for a vote. Commissioner McDowell recommended to allow more time to review and present for approval at the January 6, 2026 city meeting. The Commission was in agreement.

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 Golden Creek Park Committee held a public forum for the park project December 2, 2025 and will present their report in January.

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) -

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

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

Commissioner Hesse shared with the Commission a question confirming the deadline to submit paperwork to run in non-partisan elections, including primary election. City Attorney Brammell will review and report at the January 20, 2026 city meeting.

Commissioner Hesse, along with Mayor Sowder, both shared the request to consider raising the elected officials' pay beginning with the 2027 terms. City Attorney Brammell will review recommended increases for the Mayor and Commissioner salaries.

Mayor's Report: No Report

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 for a second reading. Commissioner Hesse continued to share concern of dusk to dawn regarding the pavilion. After discussion, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to table the second reading of the ordinance until the January 6, 2026 city meeting. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Miller shared the City property taxes were due, without penalty, 11/30/25 and 155 property tax bills are now considered delinquent.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, an invoice from Kenvirons for \$12,678.00 for the WWTP Sludge Press Project. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve payment of \$12,678.00 to Kenvirons as presented. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a WWTP Sludge Press Project change order request from E-Z Construction for \$8,337.00 for the addition of an Inserta Valve on EX WAS Line. After discussion, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the change order request for \$8,337.00 as presented. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden asked the Commission, since recommended changes had been made, if they were ready to move forward with approval of the Sewer Plant Expansion Engineering Agreement from Kenvirons. City Attorney Brammell shared another question regarding liquidated damages, and the Commission was in agreement to table this item until the next meeting.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, to surplus a 2021 Generac Generator, Model Number SG0080KG269.0V118HPYYA. Item will be placed on GovDeals. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the item for surplus. 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 vehicles 2004 Green Buick Rainer, effective 12/20/25 and 2008 Red Ford Escape, effective 12/21/25. Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve to title and authorize Mayor to sign documents for the vehicles as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden shared the city received KLC \$3K Matching Liability Grant.

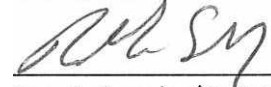
Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 7:20 pm.

ATTEST:

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Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that appears to read "Ronnie Sowder". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Ronnie Sowder/Mayor