

CITYOFSIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
FEBRUARY 3, 2026
6 PM

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

Absent: Commissioner McDowell.

Mayor Sowder called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from January 20, 2026 city meeting. After review, Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized Police Chiefs Report:

Police Chief Thomas Brummer presented to the Commission the department's 2025 Police Year-end Review identifying number of DUI's, Arrests, Charges & Citations issued, Cases open & closed, Collisions, Warnings, Cad calls, and Fleet Overview. Tow and Impound Lot totals were also reviewed.

Mayor Sowder recognized City Administrator Eden regarding review of the Request For Qualifications (RFQ) for the 2-story building. Commissioner Garland requested clarification of a few items with revisions noted. The RFQ will be revised and placed on the next meeting agenda.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

. Commissioner McDowell (Road) - Absent

Commissioner Dupre (Sewer) - No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) - No Report

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) - No Report

Commissioner Garland excused himself from the meeting.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission a recommendation to ratify the State of Emergency declared by him January 23, 2026 for an upcoming snow event and to terminate the State of Emergency effective February 3, 2026. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the Mayor's recommendation as presented. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission, for approval, the Findings of Fact from Triple S Planning Commission regarding the zone change of 54 Just A Mere Lane from Residential Urban Neighborhood (RU-5) to Commercial Neighborhood (CN) with binding elements as spelled out under Item #17 on page 4 of 5 of the Findings of Fact. **Commissioner Dupre made the motion to accept the Findings of Fact from Triple S Planning Commission. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

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 #10 from E-Z Construction Company, Inc. for \$515,310.09 for the WWTP Sludge Press Project. **Commissioner Dupre made the motion to approve payment of \$515,310.09 to E-Z Construction Company as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, an invoice from Kenvirons for \$56,551.60 for the WWTP Sludge Press Project. **Commissioner Dupre made the motion to approve payment of \$56,551.60 to Kenvirons as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the Sewer Expansion Engineer Agreement from Kenvirons. After discussion, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the Sewer Expansion Engineer Agreement with Kenvirons, as presented, and to authorize the Mayor to sign. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden recognized City Attorney Brammell regarding two (2) sewer easements in Simpsonville Commons needing the Mayor's signature. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign both sewer easements. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, and due to upcoming Sludge Press Project pay requests, the recommendation to cash the CD of \$194,499.17 from Independence Bank scheduled to mature February 6, 2026 and to place funds in sewer operating account. **Commissioner Dupre made the motion to not renew the CD at Independence Bank as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized the attorney for the impoundment hearing at 6:44 pm. The attorney requested five minutes to meet with his client and excused themselves from the meeting chambers. Upon return of the attorney and client, Mayor Sowder recognized City Attorney Brammell to preside over the impoundment hearing. City Attorney Brammell recognized the attorney, Jacob Homines with Homines, Weis & Young, P.S.C. Attorneys At Law, 600 West Main Street, Suite 100, Louisville, KY 40202 who recognized his client, Chad Lewis. After Attorney Homines pleaded his case, Police Chief Brummer responded. After much discussion, City Attorney Brammell addressed the Commission for any comments. Mayor Sowder made the recommendation to acknowledge the impound was valid and reasonable and that fees remain.

Commissioner Hesse made the motion to agree the impound was valid and reasonable. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hesse then made the motion to approve for fees to be calculated from November 19, 2025 to December 18, 2025 and to allow a seven (7) day grace period to pay and pick up the vehicle, otherwise, fees to resume February 11. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hesse made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 7:25 pm.

ATTEST:



Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:



Ronnie Sowder/Mayor