

CITYOF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
MARCH 17, 2026
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 March 3, 2026 city meeting. After review, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) - No Report

Commissioner Dupre (Sewer) - No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) - No Report

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) -

Commissioner Hesse requested clarification regarding use of the new park land. City Administrator Eden shared he talked with a KLC insurance representative who shared the liability is too great for the City until infrastructure is in place. Commission was in agreement at this time to not allow public access to the property.

Commissioner Hesse made a motion to authorize PW / Park Director Truelock to create an RFQ (Request for Quotation) for the new park land. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Mayor's Report: No Report

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

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, the request from Sludge Press Project Engineer, Phillips Meador with Kenvirons, to approve Change Order #3 that includes RFCs #5, #7-#12. The Commission received all RFCs with the electronic meeting packet prior to the meeting. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve Change Order #3 for \$10,937.16 regarding RFCs #5 and #7-#12. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Sewer Superintendent Romine, presented to the Commission, for approval, a recommendation to promote Wastewater Operator Matthew Ware to Assistant Sewer Superintendent, pay grade 29 at \$28.85 per hour. Commissioner Dupre made the motion to promote Wastewater Operator Ware to Assistant Sewer Superintendent at \$28.85 per hour. 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 vehicles 2003 White Chevrolet Blazer, effective 02/24/26, and 2002 Blue Chevrolet Blazer, effective 03/15/26. 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 Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, the resignation letter from Police Officer Brandon Paris, effective March 31, 2026. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the resignation only of Police Officer Paris, effective March 31, 2026. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Garland shared He and City Administrator Eden discussed the possibility of hiring part time police officers, not to exceed 100 hours in a month. After discussion, Commissioner Garland made the motion to authorize City Administrator Eden and Police Chief Brummer to develop a job description for a part time police officer. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 6:29 pm.

APPROVED:



Ronnie Sowder/Mayor

ATTEST:



Denise Miller/City Clerk