

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
JULY 7 , 2026
6 PM

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

Absent: Commissioner Garland.

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

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Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from June 16, 2026, city meeting. After review, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Dupré seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) – No Report

Commissioner Dupré (Sewer) – No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) – Absent

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) –

Commissioner Hesse offered input on the text amendments that are scheduled to be discussed at the next meeting to which he will not be in attendance.

Mayor's Report: No Report

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Brammell shared with the Commission revised versions of the street parking ordinance and the street legal purpose vehicle ordinance, to be reviewed and addressed at a future meeting.

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 audit agreement from Cherry Bekaert Advisory LLC for \$32,800.00 and the CPA engagement agreement from RWH CPA for \$5,500.00, both for the June 30, 2026 year-end audit. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept both audit agreements as presented and to authorize the Mayor to sign necessary documents. Commissioner Dupré seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden shared with the Commission a request from Simpsonville Christian Church asking the City for \$250 to help offset the cost of musical performances at the Wiche Pavilion. After discussion, the Commission was in agreement to acknowledge the use of the Wiche Pavilion at no cost as the City's contribution and to also decline their request to utilize the City's One-Call system to advertise their event.

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, a resignation letter from Officer Jay Moss, effective July 5, 2026. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the resignation letter from Officer Moss. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of PW/Park Director Truelock, presented to the Commission, for approval, an Emergency Tree Service Agreement with Benito Rodriguez for \$25,000.00 through June 30, 2027. After discussion, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the Emergency Tree Service Agreement, as presented, and authorize the Mayor to sign document. Commissioner Dupré seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of PW/Park Director Truelock, presented to the Commission, for approval, an annual service agreement with Delta Services for \$2,250.00. After discussion, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the Delta Services Agreement, as presented, and authorize the Mayor to sign document. Commissioner Dupré seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden shared the following: Sidewalk Project update, Commission was in agreement to allow the bid start date to coincide with West Shelby Water Company's pipe relocation project; Will acquire spec for new tractor approved for current budget; Salt Bin material on site for tarp replacement; Process of receiving a quote for the 2-story; Park Director Truelock has RFQ's for Golden Creek Park; Wawa has paid tap on / capacity fees; Reminded the Commission KLC conference registration is open if interested in attending.

City Administrator Eden shared with the Commission he met with Purnell's regarding their need to hook on to the city's sewer system due to new regulations with their waste. City Administrator Eden recommended not charging Purnell's a capacity fee due to the in-kind donations of property and easements over the years. After discussion, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to waive the capacity fee, up to \$100K, for Purnell's Plant due to the in-kind donations of property and easements. Commissioner Dupré seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Attorney Brammell informed the Commission that the Marilyn Horne property is to be sold on the courthouse steps.

Police Chief Brummer shared an update regarding the flock cameras located on Buck Creek Road.

City Administrator Eden shared an update regarding the Sludge Press project.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Dupré seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 7:16 pm.

ATTEST:

Denise Miller
Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:

Ronnie Sowder
Ronnie Sowder/Mayor