

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
JULY 21, 2026
6 PM

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

Absent: Commissioner Hesse.

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

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Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from July 7, 2026, city meeting. After review, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Dupré seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden recognized Assistant Sewer Superintendent Matthew Ware for the North Central Chapter Outstanding Wastewater System Operations 2026 award, as selected by Kentucky Water & Wastewater Operators Association (KWWOA).

Mayor Sowder called for a closed session to discuss employee discipline. Based on KRS61.810(1)(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, are required to be in closed session. **Commissioner Dupré made the motion to enter into closed session at 6:02 pm. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder requested guest Carl Christiansen to remain and excused from the meeting City Clerk Miller, Police Chief Brummer, Police Major Johnson, Sewer Superintendent Romine, Assistant Sewer Superintendent Ware, and PW / Parks Director Truelock.

Commissioner Hesse arrived and joined the closed session at 6:40 pm.

Carl Christiansen exited the closed session at 6:54 pm.

Mayor Sowder invited Chief Brummer to join the closed session at 7:17 pm.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to return from closed session at 7:19 pm. Commissioner Dupré seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder invited those excused from the meeting during the closed session to reenter the meeting. City Clerk Miller, Police Major Johnson, PW / Parks Director Truelock reentered the meeting.

Commissioner Garland made the motion to direct City Administrator Eden to suspend the Simpsonville Police Chief with pay, effective immediately, up to thirty (30) days or more if needed. City Attorney Brammell read the letter of suspension in regard to violation of the Simpsonville personnel policy. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Garland made the motion to hire Advanced Investigations Solutions to conduct an investigation into allegations of harassment and misconduct and for Mayor to sign document. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Garland made the motion to name Sergeant David Aikins acting chief, effective immediately, for the duration of the Chief's suspension at a salary of \$95,000.00. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) –

Commissioner McDowell shared the following: Street floral doing well; Tree topper for City's Christmas tree is being built now and will be here in time for Light Up Simpsonville; Farmers' Market vendor space is maxed out and considering additional structures to accommodate them in 2027 or 2028; Sewer grate repairs in Todd's Station to be completed this month; Consider possible "welcome" landscape on grass bank in rite-or-way in front of Speedway.

Commissioner Dupré (Sewer) – No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) –

Commissioner Garland shared the following: Summer Hoops and Sport Shorties wrapping up this month; Now accepting registrations for Fall soccer, flag football, cheer, sports shorties, Winter basketball, cheer and new for 2027, girls' volleyball; League revenue is at a 34.5% increase from prior year; New tables have been installed at the playground with fiberglass umbrellas to be delivered soon; Fall Festival is Sept. 12, parade and booth vendor forms are available on our website; Next Mini-motors race is Sept. 12.

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) – No Report

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to reappoint Joey Budd as the City's Representative on the Triple S Board of Adjustments & Appeals for the term beginning May 1, 2026, ending April 30, 2030. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to reappoint Joey Budd as the City of Simpsonville's Representative on the Triple S Board of Adjustments & Appeals with term expiring April 30, 2030. Commissioner Dupré seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder reminded the Commission that Ryan Libke, Triple S Planning & Zoning Director, will hold a workshop at the August 4, 2026 regular city meeting.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Brammell shared that liens had been submitted on the properties with delinquent property taxes.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Miller presented to the Commission, for approval, the June Expenditure Reports. No discussion. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the June expenditure reports as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Clerk Miller presented to the Commission, for approval, the June Financial Reports. No discussion. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept June financial reports as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Clerk Miller presented to the Commission Ordinance #2026-008 pertaining to the 2025-2026 budget amendment. City Clerk Miller read the 2025-2026 budget changes. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept Ordinance #2026-008 for the first reading. Commissioner Garland seconded. Ordinance #2026-008 will be placed on the August 4, 2026 meeting agenda for the second reading and possible adoption.**

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the sewer engineer agreement from Kenvirons, LLC to be valid through the end of the fiscal year 2026-27 and renewed on an annual basis thereafter at the discretion of the City. After discussion, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the engineer agreement as presented and to authorize the Mayor to sign necessary document. Commissioner Dupré seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a final pay request from Kenvirons, LLC for \$6,799.05 for professional services from September 10, 2025 through July 4, 2026. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve Kenvirons' pay request as presented for \$6,799.05. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a quote of \$3,500.00 from Rodriguez Tree Service to clear both sides of the driveway to the sewer plant. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the quote of 3,500.00 for sewer driveway tree removal as presented. 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 Sweep All for city road cleaning. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the annual service agreement with Sweep All as presented and authorize the Mayor to sign document. Commissioner McDowell 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 Ford Econovan, effective 07/14/26, and 2004 Green Dodge Dakota, effective 07/01/26. **Commissioner Dupré made the motion to approve to title and authorize the Mayor to sign documents for the vehicles as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the allocation of the ShelbyKY Tourism Transient Tax funds of \$91,101.65. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the transient tax distribution request and authorize the Mayor to sign document. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the Master Professional Services Agreement from STV Incorporated, general engineering services for the City. **Commissioner Dupré made the motion to accept the general engineer agreement as presented and to authorize the Mayor to sign necessary document. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the task order form from STV engineer services to provide bid documents and plans for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Pavement Rehabilitation (sewer driveway) project, not to exceed \$20K. **Commissioner Dupré made the motion to accept the pavement rehabilitation task order as presented and to authorize the Mayor to sign necessary document. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

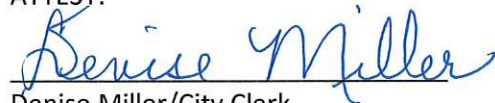
City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a request from Next Step Café to use the green lot next to the post office on October 10 or October 24 with PW / Parks Director Truelock to handle like all other rentals and receive all necessary insurance documents. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to allow Next Step Café to use the green lot next to the post office 10/10 or 10/24. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden shared the following: Ribbon cutting at Simpsonville Elementary August 4; Plan to add an AED to the new sewer sludge press building; KLC registration, if interested; Received two demolition quotes for 107, waiting on one more; Plans are to bid sidewalk project September 15 or 16.

City Administrator Eden shared with the Commission that Casey Ellis, billing clerk, is currently completing her third year of the Kentucky Municipal Clerk Institute and he plans to attend the Certified Kentucky Municipal Clerk ceremony on Friday. City Administrator presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to offer Casey a \$1/hour increase effective July 27, 2026. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the \$1/hour increase as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Dupré seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 8:11 pm.

ATTEST:


Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:


Ronnie Sowder/Mayor