

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026
6 PM ET / 5 PM CT

Present: Mayor Sowder, Commissioners Dupré, 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 August 18, 2026, city meeting. After review, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to the minutes as presented. Commissioner Garland 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) – No Report

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) – No Report

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Sowder shared the following: An update on the police hiring recommendations as suggested from the external investigation, City Administrator Eden will review with Police Chief and bring back to Commission; Industrial Foundation confirmed City of Simpsonville has no voting rite with the group therefore need to consider future involvement; Todds Point Road debris has been removed after contacting state and local officials.

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:

Commissioner Hesse presented to the Commission Ordinance #2026-009 pertaining to the Ad Valorem Tax for second reading and everyone was furnished a copy. Due to no changes, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to waive the second reading of Ordinance #2026-009. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the adoption of Ordinance #2026-009. Commissioner Hesse seconded. A roll call vote is as follows:**

Commissioner Dupré - Yes

Commissioner Garland - Yes

Commissioner Hesse - Yes

Commissioner McDowell - Yes

Ronnie Sowder - Yes

Ordinance #2026-009 will be effective upon publication in the Sentinel News.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, an Expanded Jurisdiction Renewal with the KY Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction for the City of Simpsonville. After discussion, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the expanded jurisdiction renewal and to authorize the Mayor to sign document. Commissioner Dupré seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Aikins, presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to surplus two (2) message boards purchased in 2021, paid through general fund. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the surplus of the 2 message boards, as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Aikins, presented to the Commission, for approval, an estimate from Crawlspace Medic for \$37,608.99 to repair and treat the crawl space of the police department. After discussion, City Administrator Eden was given another business to contact for a second quote. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the best quote, up to \$37,608.99, and authorize the Mayor to sign document. Commissioner Dupré seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a request from Billy Doelker for another sidewalk bond release for all lots except lot six (6) in the Villas at Cardinal Club. After discussion, **Commissioner Dupré made the motion to approve the \$35,913.70 bond release with a balance of \$1,437.50 held until completion and authorize City Administrator Eden to send letter to Triple S Planning & Zoning. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval Pay Request #15 from E-Z Construction Company, Inc. for \$99,341.17 of the contingency with a balance of \$99,341.24 held until final walk through for the WWTP Sludge Press Project. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve payment of \$99,341.17 to E-Z Construction Company as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Aikins, presented to the Commission, for approval, to exchange a 2020 Ford with one of the vehicles that was previously approved for surplus at the August 18 city meeting. After discussion, **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the vehicle surplus exchange request as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the lowest of two quotes for two mini splits for the sewer department from POPS Heating for \$9,638.00. The electrical work was not included with either quote. After discussion, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the quote for \$9,638.00 from POPS Heating and to approve up to \$3,500.00 for electrical work. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 6:27 pm.

ATTEST:


Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:


Ronnie Sowder/Mayor