CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
SEPTEMBER 15, 2026
6 PM ET / 5 PM CT

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

Absent: Commissioner Dupré.

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

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Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from September 1, 2026, public hearing and city meeting. After review, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to the minutes as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) – No Report

Commissioner Dupré (Sewer) – Absent

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) –
Commissioner Garland requested from City Administrator Eden a cost estimate for family paid insurance for future consideration; Commissioner Garland inquired about reactivating the City's Facebook page, volunteering to help oversee along with another Commissioner.

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) –
Commissioner Hesse presented to the Commission, for approval, the August Expenditure Reports. No discussion. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the August expenditure reports as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Hesse presented to the Commission, for approval, the August Financial Reports. No discussion. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept August financial reports as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor's Report:
Mayor Sowder recognized ShelbyKY Tourism Director, Janette Marson, who shared an update regarding the following: Annual hotel tax was up for FYE 2026; Received the "Best Exhibit" award at the KY State Fair; Utilizing a new "research box" that follows cell phones for more accurate attendance; Hospitality training will be in October.

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

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Clerk's Report:
City Clerk Miller shared that 2026 property tax bills have been mailed.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:
City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Aikins, presented to the Commission, for approval, a request to title impounded vehicles 2016 Maroon Ford Escape, effective 09/18/26 and 2008 Black Nissan Altima, effective 09/19/26. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve to title and authorize the Mayor to sign documents for the vehicles as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Aikins, presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to promote Police Officer Joe Massey to Police Sergeant effective October 6 with Oath of Police Sergeant presented at the October 6 city meeting. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the promotion of Joe Massey to Police Sergeant effective October 6, 2026. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a proposal of $12K from STV (previously AEI) Engineers for twelve (12) drainage structures and repair investigation throughout the city limits. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the proposal from STV for $12K, as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden shared the following:
PW / Park Director Truelock is checking on fence cost for property line behind homes on Cardinal Drive; Police trucks are currently being upfitted; The second quote for the crawl space in the Police Station came in less than what was approved, however, the remaining approved funds will be used for mold mitigation.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 6:44 pm.

APPROVED:

Ronnie Sowder/Mayor

ATTEST:

Denise Miller/City Clerk