

**CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
REGULAR CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
FEBRUARY 2, 2017 7:30 PM**

Present: Commissioners Garland, Hesse, McDowell, and Vowels. City Administrator Eaton, Parks Director Truelock, and City Clerk Batliner. Guests: Sentinel News

Absent: Mayor Eden and City Attorney Hays

Mayor Pro-Tem called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Pledge

Mayor Pro-Tem Vowels presented the minutes from January 19, 2017 regular City Meeting for approval and everyone was furnished a copy. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded.** Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Vowels presented Resolution #2017-002 pertaining to the Prevailing Wage for approval and everyone was furnished a copy. Mayor Pro-Tem Vowels read Resolution #2017-002. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to authorize Mayor Eden to sign Resolution #2015-002 pertaining to the Prevailing Wage. Commissioner Garland seconded.** Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Vowels presented a Proclamation pertaining to "Black History Month" for approval and everyone was furnished a copy. Mayor Pro-Tem read the proclamation in its entirety. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to authorize Mayor Eden to sign the Proclamation. Commissioner McDowell seconded.** Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report: Absent

Mayor Pro-Tem Vowels recognized the Commissioner's Reports:

Commissioner Hesse reported that the 1848 sewer line replacement project started this week.

Commissioner McDowell reported the Public Works Department was out at 4:30 am during our last small snow event.

Commissioner Vowels reported that the Police Department made a Facebook post at 5:30 am on Tuesday asking for help to identify a shoplifting suspect which led to several tips and an arrest within approximately 4 hours.

Commissioner Garland reported he has set-up a series of budget meetings with City Administrator Eaton starting next week.

Mayor Pro-Tem Vowels recognized the City Attorney's Report: Absent.

Mayor Pro-Tem Vowels recognized Parks Director Truelock: Reported that the current gazebo in Wiche Park is beyond repair. Parks Director Truelock did a presentation on a shelter he would like to replace it with and requested the City contribute \$80,634.00 toward the project. Shelby County Tourism is contributing \$54,000.00. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to make a contribution of \$80,634 for the construction of the new shelter. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Vowels recognized the City Administrator's Report: City Administrator Eaton advised: City Clerk Batliner has done a good job on the collection of the Occupational Tax. The collection is approximately 6 months ahead of what was the projected time line of where the status would be, since this was a totally new collection process and set-up.

Mayor Pro-Tem Vowels recognized the City Clerk's Report: City Clerk Batliner advised she has been concentrating on collection of the Occupational Taxes.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded approximately 8:04 pm.


Debbie Batliner/City Clerk


Steve Eden/Mayor