

**CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
REGULAR CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
MARCH 16, 2017 7:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Eden, Commissioners Garland, Hesse, McDowell, and Vowels. City Attorneys Hays and Brammell were present as legal counsel, City Administrator Eaton, Parks Director Truelock, Parks Employee Eric Barnett, and City Clerk Batliner. Guest: Lloyd Ashby, Bill Kramer, and Rick Taylor.

Mayor Eden called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Pledge

Mayor Eden recognized the Parks Director: Parks Director Truelock recognized the Winter Sports League Coaches and thanked them for their dedication to the Parks Department.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from March 2, 2017 regular meeting for approval and everyone was furnished a copy. **Commissioner Vowels made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded.** Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Eden recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner Vowels – The Police Department is revising its scheduling system. The Police Department is also being budgeted for 2 new vehicles; City Administrator Eaton will notify Chief Minnis to proceed to order the vehicles so they will be ready for service July 1, 2017. Rolling Ridge Homeowners Association requested additional police coverage for speeding vehicles and vehicles running the stop signs. The Police Department increased coverage immediately and it was successful.

Commissioner McDowell – Commissioner McDowell had nothing at this time.

Commissioner Hesse – Commissioner Hesse spoke with Public Works Director Romine and requested a list of capital improvements that need to be made in his department for budgeting purposes.

Commissioner Garland presented the financial reports for approval and everyone was furnished a copy. **Commissioner Vowels made the motion to accept the financial report as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded.** Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Eden recognized the City Attorney's Report: City Attorney Hays had nothing at this time.

Mayor Eden recognized the City Attorney's Report: City Attorney Brammell had nothing at this time.

Mayor Eden recognized the City Administrator's Report: City Administrator Eaton presented:

- A bid from Blitz Builders for the new Storage Facility for approval and everyone was furnished a copy. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to accept the lowest bid of \$44,975.00 for the Storage Facility. Commissioner McDowell seconded.** Motion carried unanimously.

- City Administrator Eaton explained a building plan proposed by Simpsonville Baptist Church. The Church requested since they are on the edge of the downtown district that they be removed from the downtown zoning plan. The commission was in agreement that this was a reasonable request. Mayor Eden will write a letter to Triple S Planning and Zoning to approve the removal of Simpsonville Baptist Church from the Downtown District.
- City Administrator gave an update on the sidewalk easements and the approval process from the Transportation Cabinet. He is unsure when the city will receive the approved documents at this point but the sidewalk project can't move forward until the easements have been approved by the Transportation Cabinet.
- The Park Shelter has been ordered. The next step is to put in the retaining wall and relocate the flag pole.

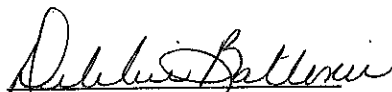
Mayor Eden recognized the City Clerk's Report: City Clerk Batliner reported that she has worked with Rusty Newton, County Occupational Administrator and found some businesses located in Simpsonville that Simpsonville wasn't getting credit for since 2011. This amounted to \$69,404.68 and we will be receiving this amount in April.

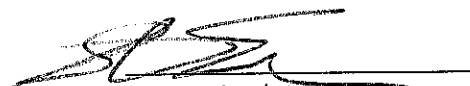
Mayor Eden called for a closed session for the acquisition of property. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to go into closed session to discuss the acquisition of property. Commissioner Vowels seconded.** Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to come out of closed session. Commissioner Vowels seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Garland made the motion to authorize Mayor Eden to sign an agreement with a Brokerage Agent to represent the City with the possible acquisition of property. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Vowels seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded approximately 8:31 pm.


Debbie Batliner/City Clerk


Steve Eden/Mayor