

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
SPECIAL CALLED CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
MAY 28, 2024
7 PM

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

Mayor Sowder called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge

Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from May 6, 2024 public hearing and regular city meeting. After review, Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the public hearing and regular city minutes as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder completed Oath of Office for Police Officer Joshua Risinger.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) -

Commissioner McDowell shared the following: Hanging basket flowers are continuing to grow with no issues from previous storm; Streetscape flags are back up after being removed due to Sunday's wind event with plans to remain thru July 4th provided no high wind predictions.

Commissioner Hesse (Sewer) - No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) -

Commissioner Garland shared the following: Spring soccer, tee ball & baseball wraps up this weekend; The BOOM! is July 4th on the corner of Buck Creek Road and US 60 again this year with spectator seating open at Simpsonville Elementary. The vacant lot will not be available this year; Farmers' Market runs every Saturday from 9am to noon; Registration deadline of May 31 for Summer hoops, sports shorties, soccer camp & basketball camp.

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) -

Commissioner Emmons presented the April Financial Reports. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve April financial reports as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder's Report: No Report

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Hays -

City Attorney Hays shared with the Commission that Ordinance #2024-004, regarding a new code enforcement board, had more recent additions and needed to be reviewed, therefore, was not ready to be presented. Ordinance #2024-005, regarding code enforcement regulations, was also put on hold. No action was taken.

City Attorney Brammell -

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission Ordinance #2024-003 pertaining to employee compensation. City Attorney Brammell read the ordinance in summary. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the second reading and adoption of Ordinance #2024-003. Commissioner Garland seconded. A roll call vote is as follows:

Commissioner Emmons - Yes

Commissioner Garland - Yes

Commissioner Hesse - Yes

Commissioner McDowell - Yes

Ronnie Sowder - Yes

Ordinance #2024-003 will be effective upon publication in the Sentinel News.

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission, for approval, Ordinance #2024-006 regarding the annexation of property from Golden Creek Farms. City Attorney Brammell read the ordinance in summary. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept Ordinance #2024-006 for the first reading. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Ordinance #2024-006 will be placed on the June 3 meeting agenda for the second reading and possible adoption.

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission, for approval, Ordinance #2024-007 regarding the annexation of property from Santana Lass. City Attorney Brammell read the ordinance in summary. Commissioner Emmons made the motion to accept Ordinance #2024-007 for the first reading. Commissioner Garland seconded. Ordinance #2024-007 will be placed on the June 3 meeting agenda for the second reading and possible adoption.

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission, for approval, Ordinance #2024-008 regarding the Kentucky Utilities Franchise Renewal. City Attorney Brammell read the ordinance in summary. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept Ordinance #2024-008 for the first reading. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Ordinance #2024-008 will be placed on the June 3 meeting agenda for the second reading and possible adoption.

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission, for approval, a Special Warranty Deed for the Park land donated by Santana Lass, LLC. After review, Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the Special Warranty Deed, as presented, and authorize the Mayor to sign required document. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Brammell, presented to the Commission, for approval, a sidewalk easement of 7101 Shelbyville Road property, pertaining to the Todd's Point Sidewalk Project. After review, Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the Sidewalk Easement, as presented, and authorize the Mayor to sign required document. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Brammell shared with the Commission action regarding the marijuana regulation requirement for Kentucky will need to be addressed by January 1, 2025. City Attorney Brammell was asked to provide a sample ordinance in favor of and a sample ordinance against.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Miller shared that she has turned over to City Attorney Hays the delinquent 2023 property tax bills. She also reminded the Commissioners of the deadline to file for re-election.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a request to add employee paid ROTH options to our current Kentucky Deferred Comp account. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the addition of employee paid ROTH options to our KDC account. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, on behalf of PW/Park Director Truelock, an Emergency Tree Service Agreement with Benito Rodriguez for \$10,000.00 for July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025. After discussion, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the Emergency Tree Service Agreement, as presented, and authorize the Mayor to sign required document. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, secondary employment requests by Officer Ricky Jewell and Officer Hunter Beckley. After review, **Commissioner Hesse made a motion to approve both requests as presented and authorize the Mayor to sign documents. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a recommendation from Kenvirons, the engineering company overseeing the Sludge Press Project, for the City to reject the single bid received May 22, 2024, and plan to re-bid the project in the Fall or early Winter of this year. After discussion, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the recommendation from Kenvirons and reject the single bid for the Sludge Press Project. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 7:47 pm.

ATTEST:


Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:


Ronnie Sowder/Mayor