

**The Village of Simpson
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

The Village of Simpson held a Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M. in the Village Hall, 2768 Thompson Street, Simpson, NC.

WELCOME

Mayor Richard Zeck welcomed everyone.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Richard Zeck called the meeting to order

ROLL CALL

Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer conducted the Roll Call and stated there is a quorum.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Zeck, Mayor
Brenda Hawkins, Mayor Pro-Tem
Dianne Thomas, Councilwoman
Mary Moye, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT

Susan Ellsworth, Finance Officer
Keen Lassiter, Village of Simpson Attorney

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins provided prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND JUNE 2021 MINUTES

Mayor Richard Zeck asked the council if they had anything to add or change to the agenda. Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the agenda and Councilwoman Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried. Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the June minutes and Councilwoman Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried. Councilwoman Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the June Budget Public meeting minutes and Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:

No comments

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke briefly, wishing happy birthday to past and September birthdays, open house went very well, Pitt County schools have decided to have children wear masks in the buildings, has a brown container to be picked up. Concerned about the amount of noise on July 4th, need to check on noise ordinance, people are happy about the free post office rental, stamps are increasing in price. Suggest looking into burning and maybe discontinue all burning or have people call the office to report when they are burning, couple of job fairs coming up, JH Rose and Pitt Community College
- Councilwoman Mary Moye passed on commenting.
- Councilwoman Dianne Thomas spoke briefly about the open house and it bringing in a new business to Simpson, excited for the start of work on the railroad, there is a golf cart going around Simpson which is a concern to residents. Please keep our troops in your prayers.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Attorney Keen Lassiter,

- court date for the condemnation lawsuit is September 3, 2021 at 2pm.

MAYOR REPORTS:

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly

- financials being in a surplus until yearly contracts are paid in the next couple of months
- Queen Street railroad crossing, Tucker, NC DOT is having several issues, they are starting to do a few of the smaller projects.
- Telfaire and Mill project prep work has been done, now waiting for asphalt out of Raleigh, shooting for completion this week.
- Open Door Educational Center put in close to \$400,00 in building upgrades. They really care for Simpson. The facility will accommodate up to 90 children, at this time there are 50.
- Gerald Barfield made a donation to the Village of Simpson in the amount of \$50,000, to be used for village road repair.
- ECU intern, Ronicia James, did a great job updating the village website. The new website host created the need for new emails.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Resolution for accepting American Rescue Plan – there is no approval of what you can do with the funds at this time. The Federal government is working on what expenditures will allowed. Tonight, we are just agreeing to accept the funds.

Dianne Thomas mentioned that if we are unable to have a Community Day, suggested giving a plate of food to the residents or a gift card. Mayor mentioned that we could maybe go door to door and hand deliver a small token of appreciation to residents.

Mayor mentioned the second clean up day for possibly the first week of October. Clean up and Community Day should be separate.

Basketball hoops are in the process of being replaced.

ITEMS FOR MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dianne Thomas to approve the Village of Simpson Resolution for accepting American Rescue Plan Act Funds. Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

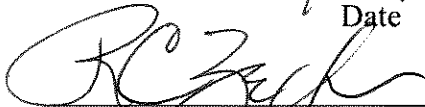
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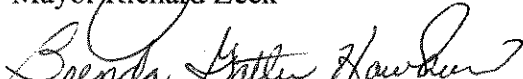
A motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mary Moye. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 9/20/2021
Date


Mayor Richard Zeck


Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins


Councilwoman Dianne Thomas


Councilwoman Mary Moye