

**The Village of Simpson
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2021
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
Citizens

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Rich Zeck provided prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND NOVEMBER MINUTES

Mayor Richard Zeck asked the council if they had anything to add or change to the agenda. Councilwoman Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the agenda, and Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried. Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the November minutes with the one correction of Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Foster title, and Councilwoman Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Mayor Rich Zeck introduced Pastor Michael Chandler from Open Door Church and the Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Foster, who will preside over the swearing in ceremony, Former Mayor Emily Corbett and other fine guests.

SWEARING IN CEMEMONY OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Foster sworn in Brenda Hawkins, Mary Moye and Dianne Thomas as Village of Simpson Council Members.

SWEARING IN CEMEMONY OF THE MAYOR:

Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Foster sworn in Rich Zeck as Mayor of the Village of Simpson.

BLESSING:

Pastor Michael Chandler from Open Door Church, offered a blessing for the Mayor, Council and the village.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:

No comments

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke briefly thanking everyone for attending, wishing Happy Birthday to those having a birthday from today until January 24, 2022, prayers for those in Kentucky storms, stated a resident concern that some potholes have been repaired, patiently waiting for rest to be completed. Seniors over 75, were elated at the gift from the Village of Simpson, Blessings and Merry Christmas to each of you and your families.
- Councilwoman Mary Moye spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming out and thanked Simpson community for reelecting her for another two years, looking forward to accomplishments that we will be doing in future and all the ones we have done. Merry Christmas to all.
- Councilwoman Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming to the meeting, so happy with the progress in the Village, Merry Christmas to each and every one of you.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Attorney Keen Lassiter was not in attendance

MAYOR REPORTS:

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly

- Mentioned that the Village Attorney is attended Winterville's Council meeting, he sends Christmas Greetings to all.
- Simpson is a very conservative and fiscally responsible community that has a very outstanding budget, that is in the black, nothing out of the ordinary has happened.
- Integrity is how he does life, it is very important, he is not a politician or play politics, it is all about, being a servant within the community. Best interests of the community come first, it's about doing what's right, not who's right, even when it's hard.
- Simpson's budget is around \$300,000, about three months ago Senator Don Davis inquired if he could get some thing for the village, what would it be? The infrastructures are in really bad shape, at a cost of \$300,000, three weeks ago Senator Don Davis

informed me that he got the \$300,000 for Simpson. These monies will help updates all the roads in the village. Quotes are being collected for the work.

- Reminder that there are several things going on, these things take time, the lot behind the post office has been sold, no plans have been put in place as of yet for future use, the Blue Creek development is still in the process, no official plans submitted to the village at this time. Simpson will be a hub of a lot of activity, that will help boost the revenue and boost other protentional projects. Open Door Child Development Center opened this year, that has brought employees and a spiritual center for raising young children to the area.
- Village of Simpson gave each of the senior residents over 75 a gift card this year, as a way to give back to the community.


ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- Village of Simpson Code was postponed until January 2022

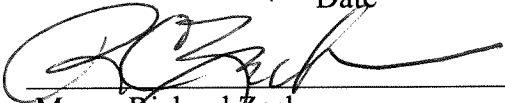
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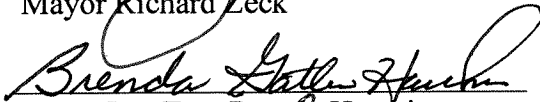
A motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mary Moye. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.


Respectfully submitted,

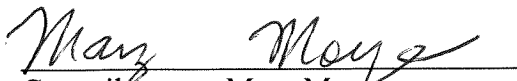

Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 1/24/2022
Date


Mayor Richard Zeck


Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins


Councilwoman Dianne Thomas


Councilwoman Mary Moye