

**The Village of Simpson
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
November 15, 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 Moyer, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilwoman Dianne Thomas provided prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND OCTOBER 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. Dianne Thomas asked for a correction of her name in the October agenda, Thomas instead of Thompson. Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the October minutes and Councilwoman Mary Moyer seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:

Emily Corbett spoke about the appointing of the Mayor Pro Tem in the past went to the top vote getter. As a resident, she would like to see this process be reinstated. Hugh Mills stated he thought that process would be best also.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke briefly thanking everyone for attending, the support at the November election, mentioned November is Diabetes month, a project is going on for diabetes with the health department for more information, Embracing Your Health, contact Angie Watson at 252 902 2361, Red Cross is in need of all types of blood. Residents have expressed disappointment in the Christmas wreaths, if we have to put up the same as last year, please do not do it, wreaths are being worked on. There is an issue with addresses being recognized as Simpson.
- Councilwoman Mary Moye spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming out, thank you to the Village, Mayor, Council, and Keen Lassiter for the good job in getting the parcel by her cleaned up.
- Councilwoman Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming to the meeting, thanks to everyone for support, excited that the Village is heading in the right direction. Three potholes on Gatlin St need to be filled, calls from Vidant asking about health issues. are not coming from Vidant.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

Attorney Keen Lassiter stated he contacted Supreme Court Justice Jeffery Foster about coming to the December Council meeting to officiate the swearing in ceremony for the Mayor and Council members, he has agreed to do it.

MAYOR REPORTS:

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly:

- Simpson has a solid financial base; revenues are very strong with tax collection; big bills are coming after the first of the year.
- Fire Department has finally signed the contract and have been paid.
- Our continued ability to communicate though the town clerk, example the railroad, we have a great contact, the railway has been privatized, the Federal contract has nothing requiring landscaping, one reason that they have not been responding to us after receiving nine phone calls from people in Simpson, they stopped responding, the animal shelter is the same, one contact person. When there is an issue in the village, report it to Susan, calls are documented and calls to the agencies will placed though the clerk.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- Meetings and Holiday schedule for 2022
- Christmas cards with a gift card for residents over 75
- Appointment for Mayor Pro Tem

ITEMS FOR MOTION:

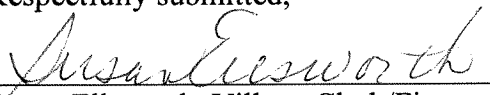
- A motion was made by Councilwoman Dianne Thomas to adopt the Council Meeting and Holiday schedule for 2022. Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

- A motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins to adopt the Christmas cards with a \$20 gift card for residents over 75. Councilwoman Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted “Aye”, the motion was carried.
- A motion was made by Councilwoman Dianne Thomas to adopt a policy for appointing Mayor Pro Tem from the highest vote getter. Councilwoman Mary Moyer seconded the motion. All voted 2 “Aye”, 1 “Excused”, Final Vote 3-0, the motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mary Moyer. All voted “Aye”, the motion carried, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



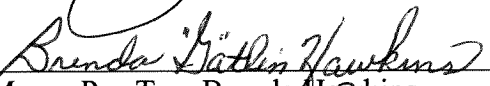
 Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 12/13/2021

 Date




 Mayor Richard Zeck



 Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins



 Councilwoman Dianne Thomas



 Councilwoman Mary Moyer

Next meeting December 13, 2021

