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approved by
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Village of Simpson
Council Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2010

The Village of Simpson Council held its regular meeting at 7:00 PM in the Village Hall, 2768 Thompson Street, Simpson, N. C.

Council Members Present

David C. Boyd, Jr., Mayor
Brenda G. Hawkins, Mayor Pro-Tem
Willie Sumerlin, Councilman

Other Staff Present

Keen Lassiter, Attorney
Sandra Jones, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Call to Order

Mayor David Boyd called the meeting to order. Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Sumerlin gave the Invocation.

Quorum Present

Sandra Jones, Clerk/Finance Officer stated a Quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins and seconded by Councilman Sumerlin to approve the agenda. All voted "aye". The motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Hawkins to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2010 Village of Simpson Council meeting. Councilman Sumerlin seconded the motion. All voted "aye". The motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins and seconded by Councilman Sumerlin to approve the February, 2010 financial Report. All voted "aye". The motion carried.

DISCUSSION:

2010 Census: The Mayor encouraged everyone to complete their census forms and return them promptly. A census representative will be at the Town Hall from April 12-19 from 9am – 12:00 noon to answer questions and assist in completing the form.

Update on Sewage: An update on the sewage project was mailed to each household in the Village of Simpson. The grant money continues to look very promising.

To correct this, Attorney Lassiter suggested we make a motion tonight to elect the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem. The Mayor entertained a motion that we elect the position of Mayor.

ACTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins nominated David Boyd for Mayor. Councilman Sumerlin seconded the motion. All voted "aye" and the motion carried. The Mayor entertained a motion to elect the position of Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilman Sumerlin motioned for Brenda Hawkins to be elected as Mayor Pro-Tem. Mayor Boyd seconded the motion. All voted "aye". The motion carried.

The error has now been corrected.

Vacancy on the Planning Board – The Pitt County Board of Elections requires us to appoint someone to represent the ETJ. The appointee must reside in the Village of Simpson ETJ. Applications are on file in the Pitt County Planning Office.

ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL TO A CLOSED SESSION PER N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (3) and (6)

Attorney Lassiter stated the Village of Simpson Council could go into closed session to discuss a personnel issue and to maintain attorney client privilege pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (3) and (6).

Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins made a motion and it was seconded by Councilman Sumerlin to adjourn into a closed session per N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) 3 (6) to discuss personnel items and to receive advice from the attorney. All voted "aye". The motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING RESUMES

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins and seconded by Councilman Sumerlin to return to Open Session. All members of the Board voted "aye". The motion carried.

ACTION:

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins recommending the Village accept Ms. Newbern's unpaid one week's vacation pay in the amount of \$575.63 to partially satisfy the debt to the Village for the hospital and disability insurance of 553.00 and to terminate her employment December 1, 2010. The Village would owe her \$22.63. Councilman Sumerlin seconded the motion. All voted "aye", the motion carried.

The letter will be written by Attorney Lassiter, and Ms. Jones will issue a check for \$22.63 to be mailed with the letter.

ACTION:

Ms. Newbern's Status:

Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins made a motion to change Ms. Newbern's employment status to "terminated" effective December 1, 2009. Councilman Sumerlin seconded the motion. All voted "aye". The motion carried.

Attorney Lassiter stated that Ms. Newbern, had in fact constructively resigned because she never applied for the part time position that was offered to her in November 2009.

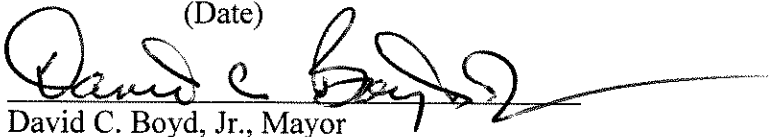
ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins and seconded by Councilman Sumerlin to adjourn. All voted "aye". The motion carried. The meeting adjourned.

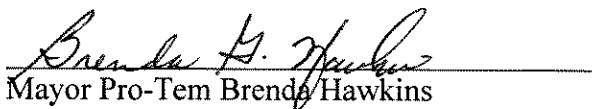
Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Jones, Deputy Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved on _____
(Date)



David C. Boyd, Jr., Mayor



Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins

Councilman Willie Sumerlin