

**The Village of Simpson
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
October 18, 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
Keen Lassiter, Village of Simpson Attorney
Citizens

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilwoman Mary Moye provided prayer.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER AGENDA AND SEPTEMBER 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 October agenda and Councilwoman Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried. Councilwoman Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the September minutes and Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:

No one spoke

AUDIT REPORT

Greg Redman, auditor for the Village of Simpson, gave a report of the June 30, 2021 audit, he completed.

- He stated page 1-3 of the audit report summaries what he does, the village responsibilities, at the top of page 2 is his unmodified opinion based on the audit.
- Review of the Balance Sheet on page 13 of the audit, 2 numbers to look at, first cash in the bank and restricted cash (Powell bill monies) and the unrestricted net position on 3rd line from bottom, funds available to spend.
- Page 15, this is the revenues and expenditures of the general fund, showing a small profit, general fund is only supposed to support itself.
- In the next 90 days a letter will need to be sent to LGC stating we are aware, small town, the board does its best to monitor what is going on.
- Over all everything is running well and it's a good audit.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke briefly thanking everyone for attending, wished happy birthday to October and November people, mentioned October is breast cancer month, booster shots are available, teachers are getting very stressed due to class size, spoke on the growth by the railroad tracks, quested an end date for clean up day, and requested to replace dead end signs with no thru traffic signs. Leon Hardy passed.
- Councilwoman Mary Moye spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming out and questioned about the trailer park clean up by her resident.
- Councilwoman Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming to the meeting, COVID shots or boosters call Vidant at 252 844 8000. Greenville Convention Center will be holding a better skills/better job fair on October 26th.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Attorney Keen Lassiter

- Update on the Blakely property on Wilson St has reached the 30-day waiting period on October 13, 2021 and nothing new has been filed. Stated it would be a good idea to post a sign on the property that clean up will be handled by the Village of Simpson with the expense to the property owners.

MAYOR REPORTS:

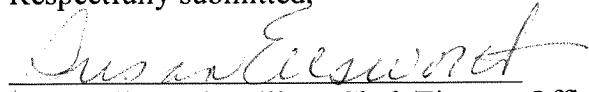
Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly on

- financials continue to be in good shape, there are some expenses coming up, that are in the budget.
- Mentioned it is best practice to use the village emails instead of personal emails, to avoid any resident/village issues if a situation occurs. Attorney Keen supported this statement plus added to be careful with texts.
- American Legal has finished the Simpson Code, requested council review the pdf file that will be emailed and it will be discussed at the December meeting.
- Blue Creek will have an announcement the first or second week of November.
- Parcel behind the post office on Simpson St are going to be changing as well.

ADJOURNMENT

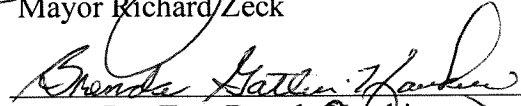
A motion was made by Councilwoman Dianne Thomas to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mary Moye. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

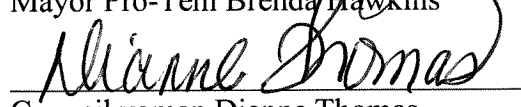
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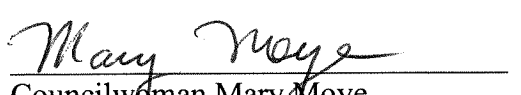

Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 11/15/2021
Date


Mayor Richard Zeck


Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins


Councilwoman Dianne Thomas


Councilwoman Mary Moye

