

**The Village of Simpson
Regular Council Meeting
March 19, 2018
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

Elaine Martin, Clerk/Finance Officer conducted the Roll Call.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Elaine Martin, Clerk/Finance Officer
Keen Lassiter, Village of Simpson Attorney
Citizens, Present

QUORUM PRESENT

Elaine Martin, Clerk/Finance Officer stated to the Board a quorum was present.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilwomen Mary Moye led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND FEBRUARY MINUTES

Mayor Richard Zeck asked the council if they had anything to add to the agenda.
Councilwomen Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the February minutes.
Councilwomen Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:

Mayor Richard Zeck asked if there were any public comments.

Hugh Mills Jr. spoke briefly about restoring the trust in our elected officials. An after 14 years and 4 million dollars spent, a lot went to our public safety. We had a police chief that went through 1 million. He had four law suits, and a drug charge against him.

And we now have no records from the past 14 years to show for the 4 million dollars.

A lot of people had credit cards, and no one bonded. Some of us think the police department was a waste of time. I would like to oppose to lets the Sheriff's department for our calls.

Emily Courbet spoke briefly about after 14years we to be held accountable. And this wouldn't have happened if our elected council members had stood up like councilwomen Dianne Thomas did and asked question. There should have only been two people signed on at the bank, the town clerk and the mayor. The town is responsible and should come to the meetings. We need to come together as a town.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Pro tem Brenda Hawkins had comments and spoke briefly.

Council member Dianne Thomas had comments and spoke briefly.

Council member Mary Moyer had no comments.

MAYOR REPORTS:

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke about attending numerous of different events on behalf of Simpson.

We are part of Greenville Urban Area Master Planning Transportation.

He plans to be active on the transportation advisory committee.

Mayor Richard Zeck is being a member of Mayor's Association.

Mayor Richard Zeck attended a two day Essentials of Government conference.

Last 30 days:

Had a water leak in ballfield bathrooms, replaced it with flex pipe.

Wind damage to town hall building, temporarily fitted. Until we can find a long term solution.

Fixed mayor's office, by getting it patched and painted.

Internal tax forms for employees, has been taken care of.

We need volunteers for transportation committee for Pitt County, once a quarter for about one hour or hour and half.

Mid-East Commission volunteers for community oversight.

Some people have had an interest in the Planning Board. We need to plan for our future and getting people to want to come here to live. Volunteers for these (3) positions should contact Mayor Zeck.

Notes from Last month:

Abandoned homes list is at the Engineering Department in Pitt County.

The sheriff has no new updates; it is in the DA's office right now. It may take up to 60-90 days.

No new updates on the police car.

Powell Bill we are still getting the right accounts assessed properly.

Tring to update QuickBooks and get the financial report updated. The Budget from last June wasn't put in QuickBooks.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Brenda Hawkins, to amend an ordinance to reduce mow height from 12' to 8'; the motion was seconded by councilwomen Dianne Thomas. All voted "Aye", motion was carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Brenda Hawkins, to increase the hourly rate from \$175 to \$200 for attorney keen Lassiter; the motion was seconded by councilwomen Mary Moye. All voted "Aye", motion was carried.

New animal agreement for FY19 rates will increase as of July 1st, 2018. We need to pass this cost to the residents. It was \$25.per hour, as of July 1, 2018 it will \$100 per call. Mayor or town clerk should be the ones calling. We will be looking into an afterhours contact.

We have not yet heard back from the letter sent to Grimesland on March 2, 2018.

As of April 2, 2018 the new hours of operation for the Village of Simpson town hall will be Monday-Friday 9am-3pm. Town hall will be closed April 2, 2018 for Easter Monday holiday.

We need seven volunteers to help with meals on wheels. They would be trained and certified.

A new lady will be coming on board this as to help with finances and the budget in the office. Elaine will be focus on being town clerk. And the new lady will focus on the finances.

We will be looking into the assembly room rental fees.

We will be looking into the ballpark rental fees.

FY19 Budget; April-Council open, work session May- Public comments, June- Approval.

Attorney Keen Lassiter read the ordinance no. 18-0-section (c) about disposing of personal property, a \$2,500 limit was discussed and agreed to have the agreement drawn.

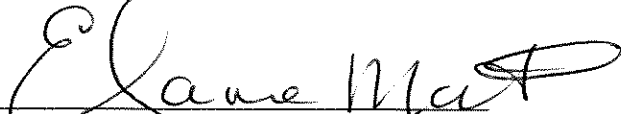
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Motion to approve animal agreement is postponed until next month.

ADJOURNMENT

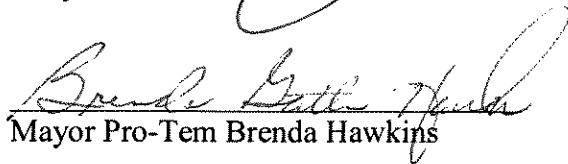
A motion was made by council women Brenda Hawkins. To adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by council women Mary Moye All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Elaine Martin, Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 4-16-18
Date


Mayor Richard Zeck


Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins


Councilwoman Dianne Thomas


Councilwoman Mary Moyer