

Village of Simpson
Council Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2010

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

Meeting started at 7:00 pm.

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. The Mayor welcomed everyone.

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 April 19, 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 April, 2010 Financial Report. All voted "aye". The motion carried.

Mayor Boyd stated to adjourn the meeting and go into the public hearing.

NEW BUDGET 2010-2011

Mayor Boyd requested a motion to open the public hearing for the 2010-2011 Budget. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins and seconded by Councilman Sumerlin to open Public Hearing for the 2010 – 2011 Budget. All voted "aye". The motion carried.

Finance Officer Sandra Jones presented the 2010-2011 Budget to the Mayor, Council and Citizens in detail. Jean Duff asked about the \$40,000.00 for the Sewage Project that has to be paid by the Village. Finance Officer Jones stated this is a one time payment, but if the Sewage is not approved, the Village still is responsible to pay the amount. Attorney Lassiter stated that his fees will come at the end and if it doesn't pass then his fees will be

relatively small. If the Sewage passes most of the monies will be reimbursed back to the Village. The Mayor thanked Sandra for all her hard work on the Budget and also saving money in other areas.

Mayor Boyd closed the Public Hearing and went into the regular meeting.

Mayor Boyd requested a motion to approve the public hearing for the 2010-2011 Budget. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins and seconded by Councilman Sumerlin to approve the 2010 – 2011 Budget as presented. All voted “aye”. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION

PERSONEL POLICY

The Council was not ready to adopt the Personnel Policy.

SEWAGE PROJECT

Mayor Boyd commented on the Sewage Project. It is going well and we have recently received another \$500,000.00 Grant from the Rural Center. We have applications in with the USDA, which looks very promising for about \$3,500,000.00. They estimating the project will cost between \$4,500,000.00 and \$5,000,000.00. The Mayor stated he can not give you a monthly rate yet for the citizens.

FALL FESTIVAL

Mayor Boyd stated that he has been talking with Salem Church about a Fall Festival. They already have a Celebration planned, but they want to join in with us, but they will do theirs at the church and ours would be in the Village. Mayor Boyd stated he has not had much response from the citizens. The Mayor asked the citizens if they were interested and that they are interested in working at the Festival. The comment from the citizens was yes. The Mayor stated that he was to attend a meeting with Salem Church tomorrow night.

Also, Mayor Boyd commented on the Banners for the Village. They will cost an estimation of about \$3,000.00 and the Boy Scouts collected almost \$850.00 by just stopping cars on a Saturday for donations. Also, a citizen sent a check for \$300.00.

MEALS ON WHEELS

We have had some volunteers to drop out. We need volunteers badly to keep the program going in Simpson. There are 10 people depending on us to get their meals each day.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Brenda Hawkins stated she attended the dedication for the Alice F. Keene Park. She has a folder for the citizens to give donations to go for different items in the new park. Also, she stated they need volunteers a G.R. Whitfield for the summer. She also thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Councilman Willie Sumerlin did not have any comments at this time.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief of Police was not present at the meeting.

PLANNING BOARD COMMENTS

The Planning Board has approved a rezoning for property on Hardee Street. Also, there will be a special called Planning Board meeting Thursday night, May 20th. Don Duff asked the Council if they pass the application on the Hardee Street Septic Tank run off onto the Village of Simpson Park, if the Septic Tank drainage fails, can we make the property owner repair it and Attorney Lassiter stated yes at the owners expense. There has to be put into a letter the responsibility of the property owner. Don Duff also asked if the property owner died or sold the property, can we transfer the same to a new owner. Attorney Lassiter stated you can, but I would recommend the Council to grant it as a license for so many years and that this license will transfer to a new owner, but this would be up totally to the Council.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Attorney Lassiter commented on how well on locating the 1982 minutes on the easement of the Hardee Street property to use the Village of Simpson property as a drain off.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jean Duff asked about the house on Queen Street that had been discussed a couple of years ago. Mayor Pro Tem Hawkins stated someone is working on the house inside, maybe for their child to stay there while they attended ECU.

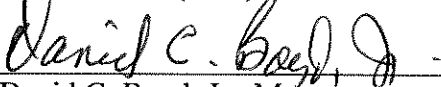
ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins and seconded by Councilman Sumerlin to adjourn and go into a Closed Session. All voted "aye". The motion carried. The meeting adjourned and the Council then went into the Closed Session.

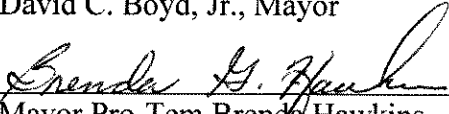
Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette B. Newbern

Approved on _____
(Date)



David C. Boyd, Jr., Mayor



Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins

Councilman Willie Sumerlin