

**The Village of Simpson  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
February 22, 2020  
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 Mary Moyer provided prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND JANUARY MINUTES**

Mayor Richard Zeck asked the council if they had anything to add or change to the agenda. Councilwoman Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the agenda and Councilwoman Mary Moyer seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried. Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the January minutes and Councilwoman Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried. Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the December 14, 2020 Public Hearing Rezoning minutes and Councilwoman Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

**PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:**

Emily Corbet thanked the Council for working together on the post office issue.



### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke briefly thanking everyone for attending, extended Happy Birthdays for March birthdays. Stated extra Covid vaccinations may be available at the end of the day at the Greenville Convention center. Mentioned who is qualified for the free mailboxes. Asked about how different zip codes taken by the Census effect tax base.
- Councilwoman Mary Moye spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming out. The water by Wilson Street is still not flowing.
- Councilwoman Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming to the meeting. Reminded everyone of the phone number for Covid shot registration. Mentioned a dog issue at the mobile park on Thompson Street was brought to her attention.

### **ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

Attorney Keen Lassiter spoke on:

- Condemnation Lawsuit for Wilson Street has three (3) addresses, 421 Wilson St, 417 Wilson St, and 423 Wilson St, the lawsuit with three (3) Claim of Reliefs will be filed later this week and will get the Village of Simpson a copy of the filed compliant. Service to the property owners will be by the sheriff's department.

### **MAYOR REPORTS:**

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly:

- Planning Board has requested to fill an opening on the board, notice will be put out for a 30-day application, applicants will come to the Council meeting to speak and then Council will select an applicant.
- Financials have exceeded expectations during COVID 19, partly due to sales tax and people getting caught up on past due property taxes.
- Roads will be addressed in the spring, Virginia and Kent Streets needing the most attention, will be in the cost range of \$150,000. There are some funds available and looking into some grants to help cover the costs.
- The audit is complete. Several adjustments from previous years have been made and good comments are included. An outline will be presented at the next Council meeting.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

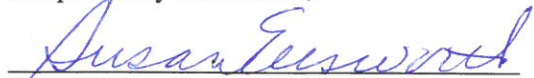
- Mayor Zeck mentioned the update required by North Carolina on General Statute 160A to General Statute 160D, cleaning up wording and codes bringing Simpson into 2021.
- Attorney Keen explained the reasoning behind the changes to the 160A to the 160D Amendment is to have conformity in all municipalities in North Carolina - the last version of the 160D amendment was emailed from Ms. Norton of Mideast Commission, on Feb 1st. The Planning Board should be recommending approval of the 160D amendment to the zoning ordinance and recommending that the Future Land Use Plan be adopted as the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Village of Simpson will need to hold a public hearing on both these matters before the Council can take action.



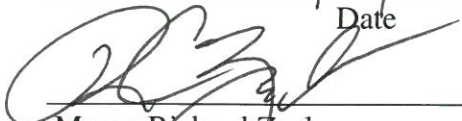
**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dianne Thomas. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

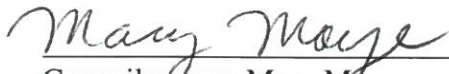
  
Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 3/15/2021  
Date

  
Mayor Richard Zeck

  
Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins

  
Councilwoman Dianne Thomas

  
Councilwoman Mary Moyer

