

**The Village of Simpson
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

The Village of Simpson held a Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 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 was a quorum.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Susan Ellsworth, Finance Officer/Clerk
Keen Lassiter, Village of Simpson Attorney
Josh Lewis, President/CEO, Greenville ENC Alliance
Citizens

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas provided prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 COUNCIL 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 agenda and Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried. Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the September 18, 2023 council minutes and Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS TO THE COUNCIL:

Several people spoke on behalf of the Simpson Saints and the ballfield
Peggy Hardy thanked the Village of Simpson for the help with the erosion issue at her home.
Jamie Vincent introduced himself, stating he is currently running for Simpson council.
Mayor Zeck closed public comments at 6:37 pm

GUEST ADDRESS

Josh Lewis, President/CEO, Greenville ENC Alliance spoke on the Greenville ENC Alliance, what it is about, the accomplishments and future goals.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke briefly thanking everyone for attending, holiday or recognition days from October 16th to November 13th like happy birthday, anniversary, retirement or whatever, Halloween, Election Day November 7th, Veterans Day is November 11th, daylight savings time will be November 5th, flu shot were given a week ago with 20+ people taking advantage of the opportunity, thank you Susan and council for addressing the dog issue, how will resident know of the new ordinance. Questioned about falling limbs and dead trees on a property, is there something that can be sent out to property owner to do clean up. Attorney Keen stated that the nuisance ordinance would cover it. HGTV chose Ocracoke, NC came up as a charming town in America.
- Councilwoman Mary Moyer spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming out, early voting starts October 19th, today there was a ground breaking for at Pitt County Ag Center for a new community recreation center, on October 23rd at 4pm there will be a ground breaking at Alice Keene District Park for a new gym. Stated that Janis Gallagher, Greenville City Manager, that the Simpson Fire Department received from American Resource Planning funding workshop \$200,000.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming to the meeting, introduced new residents of Simpson, Jessica Haney and Mark, thanked Peggy for letting the village know her appreciation.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Attorney Keen Lassiter

- had no report, will comment on the dog ordinance

MAYOR REPORTS:

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly

- Financials are in good shape; emergency funds are in place.
- Green Light Proclamation supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans, last census shows around 10% of residents were veterans or are spouses of veterans, like to propose we adopt the proclamation.
- Ask Attorney Keen to update the changes of the proposed dog ordinance.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- Proclamation for Supporting Operation Green Light
- Review updated dog ordinance changes – Keen shared the current dog ordinance for comparing the updated one. Stated a number of sections that are out of date, on the draft licensing has been removed, tags and collar needed to be modified, add need of rabies inoculation, and a rabies tag. Definition of kennel, added commercial breeder, and the

number of dogs allowed on properties. Council agreed to allow three (3) female dogs, over six (6) months old, at their commercial kennel.

ITEMS FOR MOTION:

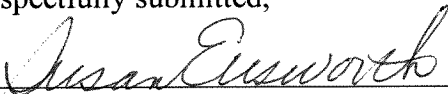
A motion was made by Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas to approve the adoption of the Green Light Proclamation. Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins to approve the updated dog ordinance, effective January 1, 2024. Councilwoman Mary Moyer seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT


A motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:03PM

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer


Approved On 11/13/23
Date



Mayor Richard Zeck



Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins



Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas



Councilwoman Mary Moyer