

**The Village of Simpson
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2022
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, Councilwoman
Dianne Thomas, Mayor Pro-Tem
Mary Moye, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT

Susan Ellsworth, Finance Officer
Keen Lassiter, Village of Simpson Attorney
Citizens

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilwoman Dianne Thomas provided prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND FEBRUARY 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 March agenda and Mayor Pro Tem Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried. Mayor Pro Tem Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the February minutes and Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:

Mary Walker
James Dixon

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke briefly thanking everyone for attending, wished Happy Birthday to those with birthdays between March 21st to April 18th. questioned if there was a new flooding map, mentioned Patsy Betts from Garden Grove, was the one responsible for the rose bushes by the flag pole.
- Councilwoman Mary Moye spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming out,
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming to the meeting, visitation at Vidant has changed.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Attorney Keen Lassiter, no report.

MAYOR REPORTS:

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly

- Clean up day is scheduled for this weekend, container delivered on March 25th
- Mowing of abandoned properties will start week of March 28th
- Reminder of burning, recommended that no burning due to dry conditions.
- Prep and paving of Village roads will start the week of March 28th.
- Meals on Wheels has minimum requirement on each route, Simpson's numbers have dropped, if anyone knows anyone that may qualify, refer them to Pitt Senior Center.
- about a year ago a Pitt County search committee worked to create a Pitt County Human Relations Commission, would like a commitment from a council member to attend the meetings.
- Basketball court has a donor that will provide the posts, goals and repair.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- Dianne Thomas stated the September 17th would be a good day for Community Day. This will be reviewed at the April meeting.

ITEMS FOR MOTION:

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dianne Thomas to approve the budget for the SCIF funds. Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins to approve continued services of Attorney Keen Lassiter and an increase in fees to \$250.00 per hour starting April 1, 2022. Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dianne Thomas to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mary Moye. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ellsworth
Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 4/10/22
Date

Richard Zeck
Mayor Richard Zeck

Brenda G. Hawkins
Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins

Dianne Thomas
Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas

Mary Moyer
Councilwoman Mary Moyer