

Village of Simpson
Council Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2010
7:00 PM

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

Council Members Present

David C. Boyd, Jr., Mayor
Brenda G. Hawkins, Mayor Pro-Tem
Willie Sumerlin, Councilman

Others Present

Keen Lassiter, Attorney
Jeannette Newbern

Call to Order

Mayor David Boyd called the meeting to order. Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Willie Sumerlin gave the Invocation. The Mayor welcomed everyone.

Others Present

Keen Lassiter, Attorney
Jeannette Newbern

Quorum Present

Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins stated a Quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins and seconded by Councilman Willie Sumerlin to approve the agenda. All voted "aye", the motion carried.

Action Items

1. Attorney prepared a resolution appointing Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins clerk to the board, this is a temporary position until a Village Clerk is hired. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins and seconded by Councilman Sumerlin. All voted "aye". The motion carried.
2. Approval of May 17, 2010 minutes. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins and seconded by Councilman Sumerlin. All voted "aye". The motion carried.

Comments from Mayor

Mayor David Boyd introduced two guests Doug Causey, Area Director with U. S Rural Development to deliver a letter of condition for proposed sewer project. Gary Hartong from The Wooten Company who has lead this search to obtain sewage.

Statement from Doug Causey: It's a pleasure for Rural Development to be here to present this letter of conditions for your consideration; this letter of condition has been based off of many months of work through the environmental assessments that have been completed. This process was started seriously in 2009; this is about the time the Wooten Company came on board. If the Council has technical questions regarding the plan for the proposed sewage system, Doug Causey suggested Gary Hartong give an overview of what is being proposed.

Difficulty of this project is the low number of users. This is an extremely high cost project. We know there are issues with septic systems failing but also being able to do any type of growth. Even though the price that has been work up is what we call the EDU's (Equal vent Dwelling Unit) may seem to be a little high but as more users come on it is a possibility that the rates will come down. We afforded a package out to the Mayor so that he could provide that package to each of the council members. Highlights of letter of conditions, this is actually making your formal request to the exact loan and amount, we are looking at completing this doctrine on the basis Rural Utility Service loan and that's one of the agencies of the USDA; not to exceed \$64,000.00 and a RUS grant of \$2,079,000.00 with the \$64,000.00 and the \$2,079,000.00; we are looking at the rural center providing a \$1,000,000.00 of grant which have been committed to. \$200,000.00 grant funds from community development block grant which is a CBDG grant also \$1,278,000.00 of grant from the NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund as well as \$20,000.00 contribution from the Village of Simpson as a contribution to the project for a total project of \$4,641,000. With this funding the Village of Simpson is only looking at about a \$64,000.00 loan. Small loan portion set up at 3 ¼ % interest rate and this is over 40 years. A pre-authorized debit payment is required so when the payment comes due June 1 of each year this can be drafted out of our account. Notification will occur 10 days before the draft is to occur. The security will be a general bond obligation, also this need to be on the November ballot.

Doug Causey reads the prepared resolution: A resolution has been prepared for the Village of Simpson's consideration, it has been resolved that the Village of Simpson town council accepts the conditions set forth in the letter of conditions dated June 21, 2010 and RUS bulletin 1780-27 which is our loan resolution, as well as our RUS Bulletin 1780-12 which is the water and waste system grant agreement, that the Mayor and Clerk to the board be authorized to execute all forms necessary to obtain a loan from Rural Development including but not limited to the following forms; Letter of intent to meet conditions, loan resolutions, water and waste system grant agreement, request obligation of funds, equal opportunity agreement, assurance agreement, certification for federal collection policies, certification regarding debarment, drug free work place, certification

of contract, grants and loans and a certificate of compliance, and this resolution become a part of the official minutes of the town council held on June 21, 2010.

Comments from Gary Hartong: From a technical standpoint we are looking at a gravity type sewer system, that you pump sewer into a line outside your house, everything drains to common lines until they reach a low point, in which it is pump station or to a treatment plant. We are talking about small diameter lines 8 to 10 inch lines, two pump stations in town, one on the south side around the railroad track down by the creek on Black Jack-Simpson road; one on the north side of the tracks; what that is going to do is drain both areas. The pump station will pump over the railroad tracks; from there it will pump to the collection system. The town did receive another world center grant for the amount of \$500,000.00 that announcement was made in June, 2010. So to date the town has received the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the Rural Center. Doug is to talk about a loan and grant combination in the amount 2.143 million, so of the four funding sources we went after, we now have two of those funding sources committed. We are still waiting to hear from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund and from the CBDG, Community Revitalization Grant; we are expecting decisions on those in the fall. We are looking a favorable funding package in order to implement a sewer system.

Comments from Mayor:

A resolution has been prepared for consideration: It has been resolved the Village of Simpson town council accepts the conditions set forth in the letter of conditions dated June 21, 2010. Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins motioned accept the resolution as written, Councilman Willie Sumerlin, second the motion. All voted "aye". The motion carried.

Comments from citizens:

Who will handle the sewage treatment? Answer: Greenville, Utilities

Added water cost is that going to come from Eastern Pines? Answer: Eastern Pines has no bearing on the project cost.

Question of grants and loan amounts figures to be repeated. Answer: Total funding of \$4,641,000, obligation of \$64,000.00 over 40 year period, total payment of \$2,900.00 yearly payment for the Village of Simpson.

Additional meetings need to be held to educate the citizens of Simpson to provide sewage cost information.

Is every resident in Simpson required to hook up to the sewer system? Answer: Yes

Questions of user cost per month. Answer: There will be a set charge per 1,000 gallons of usage. These charges are not set in concrete, with additional meeting we will have a good idea from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund and CBDG Funds as well as Greenville Utilities Commission as to what bills will run per month.

To get the number of people to keep the cost down, it is possible we might be able to go into the ETJ? Answer: We have to start annexing certain areas.

Is there a limit on what the City of Greenville on sewage treatment on the number of add on? Answer: We are in the process of working with the Greenville Utilities Commission on that question right now, this is a question that the Greenville City Council has apposed to Greenville Utilities Commission, do we have enough capacity to take Simpson now and if they should expand to the ETJ do we capacity to accept future capacity.

Will the people outside of the Village limits still be on the septic system? Answer: Yes the initial project is only serving areas within corporate limits, except there is a small corridor on Black Jack-Simpson road.

PUBLIC HEARING:

We now go into a public hearing request by Ollie Jenkins to rezone property at 2718 Hardee Street, Simpson, NC, parcel 2223 from neighbor residential to neighbor residential mobile home.

Ms. Jenkins requested to have the above said property re-zoned.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Does anyone have any objections to the rezoning of this property?

No one stepped forward.

Public hearing is now closed.

Council was asked if they approved of this request for rezoning. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins to approve the rezoning request, Councilman Willie Sumerlin second. All voted "aye". The motion carried.

A request that she be granted a license to use the adjoining property which is part of the park for a septic line to be put there. The Council did not want to discuss this at this time.

A special called meeting will be called to discuss this request at a later time.

The Village of Simpson has a letter stating the conditions on this. A copy was given to Mrs. Jenkins to read concerning this issue.

We still need more participation on our Fall Festival.

We need more volunteers for the Meals on Wheels Program.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins thanked everyone for there participation.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

Running of ads, are these paid ads? Answer: Yes, this is usually in the community section.

The Statutes require a couple of things, for special call meetings it has to be posted within 48 hours notice on bulletin boards and web site.

ADJOURNMENT:

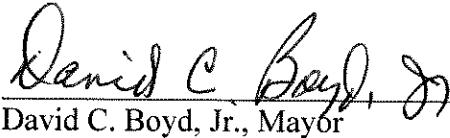
Having no further business to conduct, a motion was made by the Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins and seconded by Council Willie Sumerlin to adjourn. All voted "aye". The motion carried. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

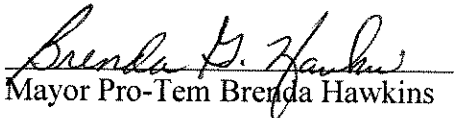


Sue Ellen Hill, Clerk/Finance Officer
Recorded by, Jeannette Newbern

Approved on 8-30-10
Date



David C. Boyd, Jr., Mayor



Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins

Councilman Willie Sumerlin