

**The Village of Simpson
Regular Council Meeting
February 18, 2019
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, Finance Officer conducted the Roll Call.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Keen Lassiter, Attorney
Susan Ellsworth, Finance Officer
Citizens, Present

QUORUM PRESENT

Susan Ellsworth, Finance Officer stated to the Board a quorum was present.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilwoman, Brenda Hawkins provided prayer.
Mayor Richard Zeck provided pledge.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND JANUARY MINUTES

Mayor Richard Zeck asked the council if they had anything to add to the agenda.
Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins asked to add Planning Board Chair to the agenda
Councilwoman Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the agenda with the change.
Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.
Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the January 14, 2018 minutes.
Councilwoman Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:

Mayor Richard Zeck asked if there were any public comments.

- Oscar Telfaire, 2655 Telfaire, better known as Jim, spoke about ditches and drains needing to be cleaned out on Telfaire.
- Emily Corbett, 652 Simpson St, Spoke about the Planning Board
- Hugh Mills, 433 Mills St, spoke about the Planning Board.
- Sheila Frizzell, 2690 Hardee St, spoke about ditches and the park.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins. Good evening and thank you for coming. I will save my time for other things on the agenda.
- Councilwoman Dianne Thomas. Good evening and thank you again for coming out again for the Council meeting. I am excited to see you all this afternoon I have one prayer I would like to send out to the Geraldine Moore family. She is a resident of Simpson and she had expired, I was told today so we would like to send out prayers to the Moore family. Again, thank you all for coming.
- Councilwoman Mary Moye. Good afternoon everyone, it is good to see everyone this afternoon. It is just a joy to serve you.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

- Attorney Keen Lassiter spoke about the 4 condemned properties here in town that were approved at the last Council meeting. Hopefully we will have packages ready for filing on these houses in the next week or two.

MAYOR REPORTS:

Mayor Zeck spoke about:

- money still available in the budget for the ditches.
- the proposed mini roundabout that will be put in at Tucker, Simpson and Black Jack Simpson.
- a proposed sidewalk for Simpson from Tucker to HWY 33.
- the walking trail that is in the works at the park.
- we have several people that are interested in doing community beautification projects and gardens.
- we have some incredible benches made by the students at DH Conley.
- basketball court will be fixed correctly after finding a qualified vendor to complete.
- March will begin the budget process, with April and May being open to the public.
- update on the condemned homes, reporting organizations and builders he has spoken to about building homes in the community.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- ETJ CANDIDATE introductions
- Dewey Dunn addressed the Council about himself and his interest in being a member of the Planning Board.
- Joel Harris also applied for the Planning Board. He had a conflict and wasn't available to attend the meeting. He sent a message to the Mayor to read to the Council.
- Lynn Pischke addressed the Council about herself and her interest in being a member of the Planning Board.

After discussion on how many candidates to vote in, it was decided to chose one tonight for the ETJ and then in March choose a second, when it is closer to the term end date of a current board member.

- The Council conducted a ballot vote. The results are 2 votes for Dewey Dunn, 1 vote for Lynn Pischke and 0 votes for Joel Harris.
- Dewey Dunn has been selected to join the Planning Committee. Part of the process is that we need to send tonight's outcome to the Pitt County commissioners since it does come from them for their approval and recommendations, to see if we can get it on the agenda. What we will do next month is again continuing to receive applications and do the same thing next month for these 2 candidates, if there any more, plus them and do the same process.
- Tabled discussion on Planning Committee and adoption of proposed changes to term limits and ETJ coverage. The first 2 amendments need community input on something that changes, so the public can comment on them. Mayor Zeck recommended that we have a public hearing the first 10-15 minutes of the next month's meeting. The Council meeting will start at 7:15pm and 7pm will be a public hearing where the community had input on these kinds of things we will discuss tonight, then the community

would have input and then we could technically by law adopt motions to amend both articles. Attorney Lassiter responded to Mayor Zeck question if that sounded right. You have a public hearing at which time the public can speak to the proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance, then at the end of the public hearing the board, if they so desire, can vote to amend the ordinance and he will have proposed amendments for you to consider and make a motion to vote on.

PLANNING BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS

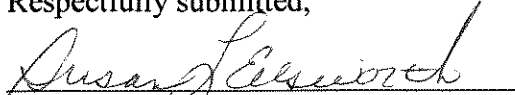
- Mary Miller resigned effective immediately.

ITEMS FOR MOTION:

- Diane Thomas made a motion to have a public hearing before the next Council meeting at 7PM on March 18, 2019. Mary Moyer seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.
- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made a motion to do a letter of thank you and a plaque for Mary Miller
- Councilwoman Diane Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.
- A motion was made by councilwomen Brenda Hawkins to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by councilwomen Diane Thomas All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned.

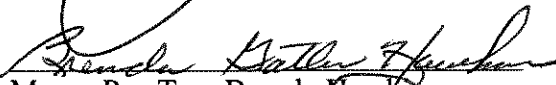
The next council meeting will be in March 18, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

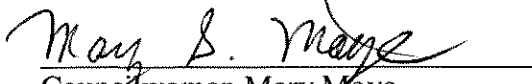

Susan L Ellsworth, Finance Officer

Approved On 3/18/19
Date


Mayor Richard Zeck


Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins


Councilwoman Dianne Thomas


Councilwoman Mary Moyer



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