The Village of Simpson Regular Council Meeting May 20, 2019 7:15 P.M.

The Village of Simpson held a Regular Council Meeting at 7:15 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 and stated there is a quorum was present.

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
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Citizens

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Pro-Tem, Brenda Hawkins provided prayer. Mayor Richard Zeck provided pledge.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND APRIL MINUTES

Mayor Richard Zeck asked the council if they had anything to add to the agenda.

Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the agenda.

Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

Councilwoman Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the April minutes.

Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:

• Traci Mayo asked about new trash and waste pickup schedule. Mayor Richard Zeck responded

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke about the trash pickup flyers that are going to be handed out to
 residents and if people have too many bins to let town hall know. She also spoke about the Greenville
 Town Commons having flags for Memorial Day that you can buy and donate for Memorial Day.
- Councilwoman Mary Moye stated that the council is doing what they can to help make Simpson better and need resident suggestions to help them.

Councilwoman Dianne Thomas spoke about the Village of Simpson heading in the right direction and she is
excited for it. She also touched on how each citizen will be getting a trash pickup flyer and that she will put
some in local churches.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

 Attorney Keen Lassiter gave an update on the condemned properties and stated the lawsuit has been filed regarding 748 Simpson Street and once the Pitt County Sheriff Department serves the lawsuit the time will begin for the defendants to answer. The other 3 properties have been condemned by Pitt County Inspections and that process should be completed by early August.

MAYOR REPORTS:

Mayor Zeck spoke about:

- ECU Intern Heather wanting to gain experience in a small town and will be helping over the summer.
- Simpson is in a good financial situation The budget had a small surplus because of items that were budgeted but not able to be spent such as houses not being demolished this financial year because of delays that money will be moved into next year's budget.
- Walking trail is finished. Signs will be put up shortly
- Grass cutting will be charged back to the property as a tax lein so the Village is not paying for it
- There are some glitches with the new basketball pavement that we are talking with the vendor about getting it fixed
- 34 houses have had their ditches done and it will be around a 3 year process to get all the ditches in Simpson completed and will be done strategically based on water flow.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- Ordinance book codification would be good to look into for organizing all the villages' codes and procedures. It will cost some money but would be good for the future of Simpson and development
- Possibility of money for bleachers in park and fixing concessions stand in Ball Park is an idea for the budget Speed Bumps were also brought up

ITEMS FOR MOTION:

- Motion to approve FY2018-2019 budget amendment to request recognition and allocation of state funding for walking trail
- Dianne Thomas made a motion to adopt the amendment. Brenda Hawkins seconded it. All voted "Aye". the motion carried.
- A motion was made by Mayor Richard Zeck 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 June, 17 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Mosesso, ECH Intern

Susan L Ellsworth, Finance Officer/Village Clerk

Approved On 6/17/19 Date Mayor Richard Zeck
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