

**The Village of Simpson
Regular Council Meeting
November 18, 2018⁹
7:00 P.M.**

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, Mayor Pro-Tem
Dianne Thomas, Councilwoman
Mary Moye, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins provided prayer and lead the pledge.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MARCH MINUTES

Mayor Richard Zeck asked the council if they had anything to add or change to the agenda. Councilwoman Diane Thomas made the motion to approve the agenda and Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried. Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the October minutes and Councilwoman Diane Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:

James Dixon spoke.
Hugh Mills spoke.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke briefly thanking everyone. She spoke about two Simpson residents had in the past couple of weeks, Christmas decorations are up, we missed putting flags up for Veterans Day, requested classification on burning, flu clinic at Phillipi Church, information is out about 2020 Voter ID.

- Councilwoman Mary Moye spoke briefly thanking everyone for their support, forget about the past and work on what we are doing right now.
- Councilwoman Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming out tonight and those who took the time to vote, Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Attorney Keen Lassiter mentioned that the December 16th meeting will an organizational meeting to have the Oath of Office ceremony meeting. Superior Court Judge Foster has been invited to the Oath of Office ceremony meeting.

Update on the condemnation process from last month, the Pitt County Inspection Department did issue the certificates that state they have completed the process with Gatlin and Thompson Streets properties. Samuel Smith contacted the town attorney on November 15th, he represents the owners of 2625 Gatlin Street, saying he was going to contact the fire department and get them on board with having the property burned. The Mayor has stated that Mr. Smith has followed though with that. As that the Gatlin property is going to be burned, the village will not seek court approval to have it burned. That leaves 2678 Thompson for further discussion. Melvin Blakely called on November 12, stating that two of the mobile homes on 423 Wilson Street, would be removed the weekend of November 16th/17th after discussion that did not happen.

MAYOR REPORTS:

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly on the financials, which there is still a surplus plus we have budgeted items that have not taken place yet. The next phase of ditch digging will be starting in a couple of weeks. We have some park issues, bleachers and concession stand that are in the budget. Tax collections are going well. Understanding the audit, receipts and expenses match up, this year's audit did not pass. One of the things we are going to take a look at is that next year we need a different independent auditor. The current auditor has some things that are just not transplanted. Financially we are very secure.

Greenville Alliance is a new economic development alliance developed between Greenville and Pitt County. This will help with the development of Simpson, as the area around Simpson grows. Update on abandoned vehicles, the Planning Board did a lot of research and work in coming up with a modeling program, to bring to the Council tonight, in cleaning out some old files, we found it was already passed around 1994.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke about the FEMA application for Dorian clean up. Part of the process is for the Council to approve for us to move forward with the application. Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made a motion to go ahead and complete the application. Councilwoman Diane Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

Diane Thomas made a motion to proceed with the legal action on 2678 Thompson Street. Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

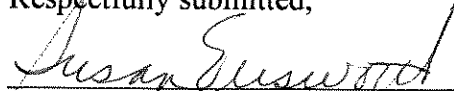
Councilwoman Diane Thomas made a motion for Attorney Keen to proceed with the condemnation process on 423 Wilson Street property with Edwards at Pitt County.

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

ADJOURNMENT

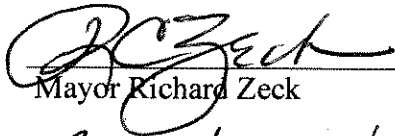
A motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Diane Thomas. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 11/18/19
Date



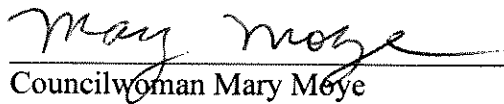
Mayor Richard Zeck



Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins



Councilwoman Diane Thomas



Councilwoman Mary Meye

