# The Village of Simpson Regular Council Meeting April 15, 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 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 Citizens

#### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**.

Mayor Richard Zeck provided prayer and pledge.

# APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MARCH AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

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

Mayor Richard Zeck stated that approval of the Public Hearing Minutes needed to add to the agenda.

Councilwoman Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the agenda.

Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

Councilwoman Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the March Public hearing minutes.

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

Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the minutes from March.

Dianna Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

#### **PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:**

• Emily Corbett, Hugh Mills

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins. Spoke about clarifying what she said about two clerks. Mentioned deciding on putting an ad in the County Fair booklet.
- Councilwoman Mary Moye stated the council is doing the best and all that they can do to make this town a better place.
- Councilwoman Dianne Thomas spoke on how the community is moving in the right way and how it should be handled.

#### ATTORNEY COMMENTS

• Attorney Keen Lassiter gave an update on the condemned properties.

### **MAYOR REPORTS:**

- Village finances being in good shape. The budget will not significantly change for next year
- More ditch digging over the next month or two
- Walking trail, signs and benches
- Need to update the stand at the park

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE APPLICANTS**

- Jim Telfair
- Jessica Jacob
- Kathleen Giordano

#### Additional applicants that spoke at the June 18, 2018 Council meeting.

- Darnell Parker
- Hugh Mills Jr
- Hugh Mills III

## Additional applicants that spoke at the February 18, 2019 Council meeting.

- Joel Harris ETJ candidate
- Lynn Pischke ETJ candidate

#### **MOTION TO DEVIATE FROM AGENDA**

- Diane Thomas made a motion to deviate from the agenda to vote now on the planning board. Mary Moye seconded it.
- A vote was held Kathleen Giordano received all votes. Dianne Thomas made a motion to appoint Kathlee. Giordano, Planning Board member. Seconded by Brenda Hawkins.
- A second vote for ETJ Planning Board member. 2 votes for J Harris and 1 vote for Lynn Pischke. Brenda Hawkins made a motion to appoint Joel Harris ETJ Planning Board member. Mary Moye seconded it.
- The 3 motions were all voted "aye" and the motion carried.

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

- Alexander Powell role and trash pickup.
- Community dumpster will be available for residents April 30 May 3, 2019.
- Railroad grass cutting is not Alexander's responsibility, it is Federal property to be maintained by CLNA.

#### **ITEMS FOR MOTION:**

- Brenda Hawkins made a motion to combine the Village Clerk and Finance Officer jobs together. Dianne Thomas seconded it. All in favor "Aye"
- Mary Moye made second motion to select Susan Ellsworth for the Town Clerk/Finance Officer. Dianne Thomas seconded it.
- Brenda Hawkins made a motion for two (2) Public Hearing, one to be sent to the paper and one is to be posted on the door for the budget in May and June. Dianne Thomas seconded it. All in favor "Aye'.

The second annual Community Day will be September 21, 2019. There will be a Community trash collection April 29-May 3, 2019 Discussion about Handicap trash pickup to be added to May agenda.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

• A motion was made by councilwomen Dianne Thomas to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by councilwomen Mary Moye. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned.

The next council meeting will be in May 20, 2019 at 7:15PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sysan L Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On\_

Mayor Richard Zeck

Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins

Councilwoman Dianne Thomas

Councilwoman Mary Moye