

**The Village of Simpson  
Regular Council Meeting  
September 16, 2018  
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, 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 Mary Moye provided prayer.  
Mayor Zeck lead the Pledge of Alliance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND AUGUST MINUTES**

Mayor Richard Zeck asked the council if they had anything to add or change to the agenda. Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the agenda and Councilwoman Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried. Councilwoman Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the August minutes and Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins 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 briefly thanking everyone. Informed the community on two upcoming workshops.
- Councilwoman Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone. Reminding everyone about the Community Day.
- Councilwoman Mary Moyer spoke briefly thanking everyone. Asked community members to reach to the council with their concerns.

### **ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

Updates on the following properties:

- 2727 Virginia St, burned by Simpson Fire Department on August 10, 2019. Keen spoke with the representative of the owners on September 9, 2019 and was informed it will be cleaned up within thirty days.
- 423 Wilson St with three abandoned mobile homes on the property. On September 4, 2019 Keen spoke with the owner and informed him that the homes needed to be removed and the lot cleaned up. The homeowner said he was going to have a backhoe remove the three homes and needed about two weeks to go it done. On September 11, 2019 he contacted Village Hall to let them know a family member from out of state had died unexpectedly. Keen also has spoken with Pitt County Inspections Department, they will drive by the property next time they are in the area.
- 2625 Gatlin Street and 2678 Thompson Street that was originally started by the Pitt County Inspection Department, but it was discovered to have some irregularities in the process and needed to start over. The condemnation hearing was held on August 27, 2019 on both properties. The owners have sixty days to demolish the property, per statutes. If nothing has been done by late October or early November, it will be brought back to the council for further action.
- 748 Simpson Street was demolished about the second week of July, after a lawsuit was filed against the owner. The home was removed, in order to complete the process the homeowner must clean the property, mow and level it. At some point in time the council will need to give Keen guidance on what he needs to do.

### **MAYOR REPORTS:**

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly

- Hurricane update - the repairs to Vineyard drainage has proved a good flow of all the water that was leaving that area. Some of the area was fortune but other parts got hit and a lot of trees and limbs came down. This led to cleanup vehicles being at a premium which caused an inconvenience for our town.
- Waste Industries has replaced Pak R, Waste Industries took over at the same cost as Pak R charged for several years. The current rates in the industry are way more than we are paying today.
- The first three months of the quarter are not reflective of all taxes that we receive. For August there isn't a lot of revenue coming in or a lot of expenses going on. At the end of September, we will be able talk about it more intelligently when more revenue has come in.
- Community Day is coming up Saturday, there will be lots of activities, prizes and food.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

- Rezoning parcels 33619, 33620 and 39292 from Neighborhood Residential to General Business. The matter was discussed by the Council.
- Discussed the golf cart ordinance that was proposed by the Planning Board. Council members were asked to review the ordinance for discussion at the October meeting.


**ITEMS FOR MOTION:**

- Mayor Zeck asked for a motion from the council to approve the rezoning.
- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made a motion to approve the rezoning of parcels 36619, 36620 and 39292, from Neighborhood Residential to General Business. Councilwoman Dianne Thomas 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 Dianne Thomas. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


  
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Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 10-21-19  
Date

  
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Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins

  
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