

**The Village of Simpson  
Regular Council Meeting  
December 16, 2019  
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**

Pastor Aaron Kennedy provided prayer. Mayor Zeck led the pledge.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MARCH MINUTES**

Mayor Richard Zeck asked the council if they had anything to add or changes 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 November minutes and Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS by Mayor Zeck**

Sara Beth Rhodes, Clerk of the Superior Court  
Honorable Judge Mario Perez  
Honorable Judge Jeffrey Foster  
Pastor Aaron Kennedy, Open Door Church in Winterville

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY MAYOR by Judge Jeffrey Foster**

Richard Zeck

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY COUNCIL MEMBERS by Judge Jeffrey Foster**  
Brenda Hawkins, Mary Moye, and Dianne Thomas

**ITEMS FOR MOTION**

Selection of Mayor Pro Tempore

Dianne Thomas nominated herself, Mary Moye nominated Brenda Hawkins

Voting was opened between Dianne Thomas and Brenda Hawkins – in a 2 to 1 vote  
Brenda Hawkins was selected as Mayor Pro-tem.

Approval of 2020 Council meeting dates

Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the 2020 Council meeting dates and Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted “Aye”, the motion was carried.

Approval of 2020 Holiday schedule

Councilwoman Dianne Thompson made the motion to approve the 2020 Holiday Schedule and Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted “Aye”, the motion was carried.

**PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:**

No one spoke

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke briefly thanking everyone. Thanked everyone for a vote of confidence. A former volunteer for Meals on Wheels passed, Denny Mack. Ask everyone to watch facebook for the Book Mobile. During the Holiday I will be open that means you can call me, stop to discuss anything with me, ready to listen and do what I can. Have a Merry, safe and prosperous New Year.
- Councilwoman Mary Moye spoke briefly stating it is good to be your councilwoman again term and we are going to do better than we did last term. Thank God that we are coming together in unity, working together for the community to make even better. Merry Christmas to everyone.
- Councilwoman Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for taking the time to come out this evening and thank you to the ones that supported me, Thank God for the prosperous and improvement that this town is receiving, ditches dug, abandoned home torn down, Community Days under the leadership of Mayor Zeck. Merry Christmas and have a prosperous New Year.

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

Attorney Keen Lassiter had no report for tonight. Keen stated that he believes this is the largest crowd he had seen since becoming the Village Attorney. It is great when citizens come out and see how the local government works. Wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**MAYOR REPORTS:**

Mayor Richard Zeck asked guests if they would like to speak. Honorable Jeffrey Foster, Sara Beth Rhodes, Honorable Mario Perez and Senator Don Davis each spoke.


Mayor spoke briefly about the full agenda for next year, not going to talk about what has been already completed. The Village will have great things continue to happen in the next two years. Simpson is a great place to live and we will not be one of the towns that are struggling.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Next meeting: Monday, January 27th @ 7:00 P.M

Respectfully submitted,


  
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Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 01/27/2020  
Date

  
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Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins

  
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