

**The Village of Simpson  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
March 15, 2021  
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, 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**

Mayor Rich Zeck provided prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND FEBRUARY 2021 MINUTES**

Mayor Richard Zeck asked the council if they had anything to add or change to the agenda. Mayor Richard Zeck added to items for discussion about planning  
Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the agenda and  
Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.  
Councilwoman Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the February minutes and  
Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

**PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:**

No comments

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke briefly thanking everyone for attending, wished Happy May birthdays, COVID appointments are going well, no deaths or sickness at this time. About 45 residents could receive free post office boxes of which 30 people to apply. New people are receiving Meals on Wheels. Mayor Zeck will be delivering meals in April. Railroad crossing will be repaired in April, weather permitting.
- Councilwoman Mary Moye spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming out and there a one shot is available in Pitt County. Asked if the antique store will remain open.
- Councilwoman Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming to the meeting, interested in offering a spring clean-up and roadside mowed. COVID mobile units may be available

### **ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

Attorney Keen Lassiter

- Condemnation was filed on February 23, 2021 at the Pitt County court house for 417, 421, and 423 Wilson Street properties, file # 21CVD485. It has not been served yet but will check on it until it is served.

### **MAYOR REPORTS:**

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly

- Susan's computer will be replaced due to the older one crashing.
- \$5000 grant from Pitt county that will help with road repair.
- \$10,000 grant pending from ENC Alliance
- Excess Use and Sales Tax refund from North Carolina totally \$12,000.
- Protentional \$70,000 from American Rescue Plan, when we have facts, we will know.
- Kent and Virginia Streets will be paved within the next 45 days. If we receive the \$70,000, Telfaire and Mill Streets will be done. Queen and Thompson Streets are NC DOT responsibility.
- Land owner's responsibility is to keep their lawns mowed. Last year we placed liens on properties for unpaid mowing services, totaling around \$5000. We will take a look and have a discussion about a better way to contact owners.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

- Brenda Hawkins requested that we ask residents that are not using green, brown, and blue containers to call for us to pick up and share with those in need.
- Mayor Zeck mentioned a need for a very clean-cut process for a new business application coming to Simpson. Attorney Keen and Mayor Zeck will work on procedure with a fair process.
- Mary Moye asked if the Planning Board minutes could be sent to the council members, so they have knowledge of what is being discussed. It will be emailed to the council members.


### **ADJOURNMENT**

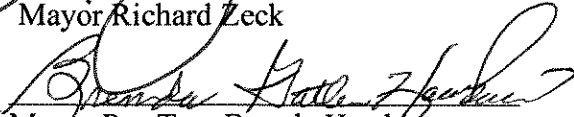
A motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dianne Thomas. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 4/19/2021  
Date

  
Mayor Richard Zeck

  
Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins

  
Councilwoman Dianne Thomas

  
Councilwoman Mary Moye

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