

**The Village of Simpson  
Regular Council Meeting  
August 19, 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, 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  
Citizens

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins provided prayer.  
Mayor Richard Zeck provided the pledge

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND JUNE 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 June Public Hearing minutes  
and Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.  
Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the June meetings minutes and  
Councilwoman Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

**PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:**

Dewey Dunn spoke about a vehicle compliant on 682 McDonald Street, Parcel 21699 that was brought to the Planning Board at the May meeting. It was investigated and found to be in violation of Simpson Zoning Ordinations. The Planning Board is passing it along to the Council..

Hugh Mills wanted to remind the Council and audience how far the Village of Simpson has come in one year and eight months.

Special Guest Robin Tant from Pitt County Farm & Food Council spoke about food programs that are available to the community.

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke briefly thanking everyone. She mentioned a passing of a village resident's mother. If anyone has items to donate to local schools.
- Councilwoman Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone. She agreed with Mr. Mills that the town is receiving progress for almost 2 years. 2nd Annual Community day will be held September 21<sup>st</sup>, please come out and have some fun. Please let me know of anyone in need of prayers.
- Councilwoman Mary Moye spoke briefly thanking everyone for their support. She asked guests to invite other village members to attend the meetings.

#### **ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**

Attorney Keen Lassiter was not available to attend due to another commitment. He did forward information updating on the abandoned homes in Simpson.

#### **MAYOR REPORTS:**

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly about:

- We are in the new fiscal year, this is the first month of the new year, we prepay several things to avoid finance charges, things will balance out in the first four months.
- The final numbers for June will be going through an audit shortly. I mentioned there would be a surplus due to ditching not being able to get done, it is earmarked to use in this fiscal year.
- The Vineyard update – a very long ditch has been dug to help drainage in the Vineyard area that was finished up about a week ago.
- There is an exciting new plan coming to Simpson called Trans Map, for the first time in Simpson we are getting a high-resolution documentary of every street in Simpson. More information will go out as soon as I have it.
- People are pleased with the speed bumps that have been placed by the park.
- Abandoned homes – at the next Council meeting I will be presenting a couple more homes.
- There has been several serious inquires that want to build reasonably priced home in Simpson.

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

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke about:

- There is a need to look at the Village Ordinances, what is reasonable, how to plan for updates.
- Community Day would be a good way to get information to the residents on programs that are beneficial to them.
- The railroad tracks are on Federal property; therefore, we cannot trespass. We have been told clean up of the weeds will be happening soon.

**ITEMS FOR MOTION:**

There is a master plan for Pitt County and Simpson that is outdated, working on updating. It states each parcel in village and ETJ is designated for certain types of buildup, Agricultural, Multifamily, Single family but in the future it could change. Part of the Planning Board role is to hear why someone would like to have an area rezoned., it then goes to the council. We have someone that has come forward to change zoning, today we have a statement by the Planning Board for approval of recommendation of rezoning parcels on Britt and HWY 33 East.

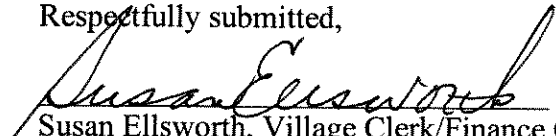
Mary Moyer made a motion to approve the Planning Board Statement for rezoning lots on Britt Road and NC HWY 33 E. Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

The next Council meeting will be on September 16, 2019

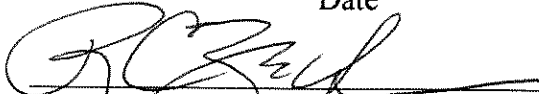
**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 9/16/19  
Date

  
Mayor Richard Zeck

  
Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins

  
Councilwoman Dianne Thomas

  
Councilwoman Mary Moyer

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