

**The Village of Simpson
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2022
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, Councilwoman
Dianne Thomas, Mayor Pro-Tem
Mary Moye, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT

Susan Ellsworth, Finance Officer
Keen Lassiter, Village of Simpson Attorney
Citizens

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilwoman Mary Moye provided prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND JANUARY 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 Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried. Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the January 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, wishing Happy Birthday for March 1-21, masks are available in various places. Public concern about a motorcycle group, comments about trash carts being left out and making village

look shabby. CenturyLink representative sold part of the business about two years ago and are thinking of selling another part, possibility to SunBright. Good comments on the conditions of the sides of the railroad, tax time, Greenville Housing Center is doing taxes for free. Ms. Patsy Betts Gates passed on February 15th.

- Councilwoman Mary Moye spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming out, masks are no longer mandatory in schools, there is a new strand of COVID, please be careful.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming to the meeting, special prayers for our soldiers, thank you to Simpson for the sympathy card on behalf of her aunt, congratulations to DH Conley boys and girls basketball teams, would like to see Simpson Community Day get by on track.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Attorney Keen Lassiter spoke

- on the update on the Blakely Condemnation lawsuit, court date on February 21st, to seek a judgment for against the property owners for the cost of cleanup, demolition of the property and attorney fees. At the hearing the judge awarded full measure of clean up costs and attorney fees.

MAYOR REPORTS:

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly

- Updated the council on the Simpson's industrial park which is split in half, one side is zoned as general business, other half is office and institution. Property owner requested Parcels 28232 and 28233 be rezoned from Office and Institution to General Business. In investigating this matter, it was found that the property owner at this time is in violation of zoning for Parcel 28232 and 28233 with current businesses at the location. This will be addressed.
- Everyone received an email about a boat over at Juniper Landing, the ETJ is for zoning not ordinances.
- Financials are solid.
- Tonight, we will be accepting a new code of ordinances for the Village of Simpson, it will be reviewed to see if there are any changes needed.
- Simpson Community Clean Up will be March 26th – 31st.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Adoption of a new code of ordinances for the Village of Simpson.

ITEMS FOR MOTION:

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas to approve an adoption a new code of ordinances for the Village of Simpson. Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas to approve spending the PARTF funds on walking trail and parking area. Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas to approve spending the SCIF funds on roads and ditch improvements. Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins 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 Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,

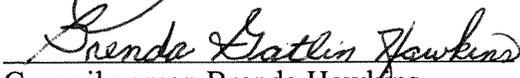


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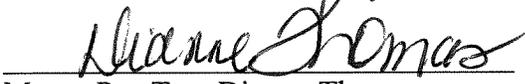
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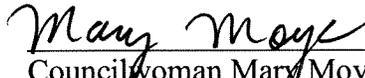
Mayor Richard Zeck



Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins



Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas



Councilwoman Mary Moye