

**The Village of Simpson
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

The Village of Simpson held a Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 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 was a quorum.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Zeck, Mayor
Brenda Hawkins, Councilwoman
Dianne Thomas, Mayor Pro-Tem
Jamie Vincent, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Rich Zeck provided prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND JANUARY 2024 COUNCIL 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 ProTem Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried. Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the January 2024 council minutes and Councilman James Vincent seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:

No comment

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke briefly thanking everyone for attending, mentioned holidays, residents have good comments on the new four way stop. Spoke about recycling being a waste of time and money.
- Councilman Jamie Vincent spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming out.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming to the meeting, stated the four way stop is a plus for Simpson.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Attorney Keen Lassiter reserved comments until discussion on Interlocal agreement between Pitt County and Simpson

MAYOR REPORTS:

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly about the reappraisal of properties that has been done by Pitt County, four way is slowing traffic down on Black Jack Simpson Road, tree project is moving along, new homes behind the post office is progressing, a container for spring cleanup will be set up at the end March.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Interlocal Agreement between Pitt County and Village of Simpson

Resolution of the Village of Simpson adopting the Pitt County Comprehensive Animal Services Ordinance in its municipal limits.

Attorney Keen has had a contract with Pitt County Animal Services that ran out about a year ago, renewal requires Simpson to adopt Pitt County's ordinance according to Pitt County attorney. This allows Pitt County to come to Simpson to enforce it. One issue was the difference of commercial breeders allowed number of dogs is more than Simpson would like. County suggested Simpson adopt the contract with the exception, Pitt County will enforce Simpson's commercial breeders' requirements. The cost of one hundred per call remains the same with the three year agreement.

ITEMS FOR MOTION:

A motion was made by Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Pitt County and Village of Simpson. Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins to approve the resolution of the Village of Simpson adopting the Pitt County Comprehensive Animal Services Ordinance in its municipal limits. Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

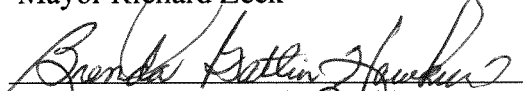
A motion was made by Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilman James Vincent. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:22pm.


Respectfully submitted,

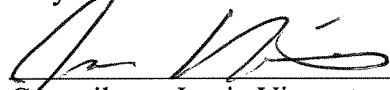

Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 4-15-24
Date


Mayor Richard Zeck


Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins


Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas


Councilman Jamie Vincent