

**The Village of Simpson  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
April 15, 2023  
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**

Councilman Jamie Vincent provided prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND FEBRUARY 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 February 2024 council minutes and Councilman Jamie Vincent seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

**PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:**

Hugh Mills mentioned that the new 4 way stop on the corner of McDonald and Tucker is working well.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke about March being Women’s History month, Birthday month March 16<sup>th</sup> to May 19<sup>th</sup>, survey for Metropolitan Transportation, several activities at the Senior Center, volunteers needed for senior games, good reports in Simpson, people doing a good job keeping yards clean, several deaths in Simpson or related to residents, from thanking everyone for attending.
- Councilman Jamie Vincent spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming out and mentioning with the warm weather to stay hydrated.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming to the meeting, Shag Festival this weekend in Grifton.

### **ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

Attorney Keen Lassiter spoke on the Interlocal 3-year agreement between Pitt County Animal Shelter and the Village of Simpson. There was additional verbiage to the new agreement, states the Village agrees to hold harmless and indemnify County from any and all claims, loss, liability, demands or any other financial demands that may be alleged or realized due to acts of nonfeasance, malfeasance, misfeasance or negligence committed by County while in the performance of the duties or assignment pursuant to this agreement. Council can resubmit agreement for this to be removed, Mayor Zeck stated in the likelihood of something happening Simpson has a policy that would cover it.

### **MAYOR REPORTS:**

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly about the passings in the community, staying on top of dog issues, new flag pole, antique store starting to look better, working on Edwards Industrial Park, on budget with a good system in place.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

- National Day of Prayer Proclamation
- Shelter for the park
- Grass ordinance
- Draft FY 2024-2025 Budget

### **ITEMS FOR MOTION:**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas to approve the National Day of Prayer Proclamation. Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins seconded the motion. All voted “Aye”, the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne to approve the Nuisances Abatement Procedures added to Sec 91.22 of Simpson Code. Councilman Jamie Vincent seconded the motion. All voted “Aye”, the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne to approve the shelter for the park. Councilman Jamie Vincent 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 6:44 pm.

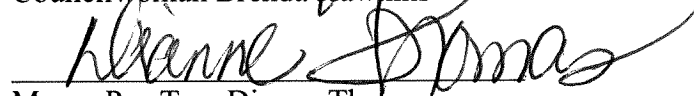
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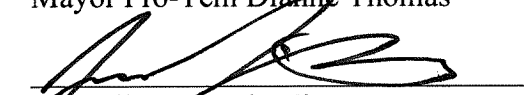
  
Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 5/20/24  
Date

  
Mayor Richard Zeck

  
Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins

  
Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas

  
Councilman Jamie Vincent