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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 Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas provided prayer.

# APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND DECEMBER 2023 COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Richard Zeck asked the council if they had anything to add or change to the agenda. Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the agenda and Councilman Jamie Vincent seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried. Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the December 2023 council minutes and Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins 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, stated about events coming up, mentioned how happy seniors were with the Christmas gifts, asked about having leaves picked up.
- Councilman Jamie Vincent had no comments.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming to the meeting, spoke on the delivery of Christmas gifts, hospital has gone back to wearing masks.

## **ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

Attorney Keen Lassiter apologized about a couple of town projects taken longer than planned, they will get down by the next council meeting. It is no reflection on the mayor or the council.

### **MAYOR REPORTS:**

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly on the financials are healthy and right on track, CPA has finished the audit, with one concern about uncollected taxes, next year budget will be adjusted, there is not an availability of leaf pickup.

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Update on the interlocal agreement between Pitt County and Village of Simpson for animal control services. Draft copy given for review before next meeting. A revised agreement will be brought to the February council meeting for adoption.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted.

A motion was made by Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilman Jamie Vincent. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:18pm.

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