

**The Village of Simpson
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
December 9, 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
James 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 NOVEMBER 2024 COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Richard Zeck asked the council if they had anything to add or change to the agenda. Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the agenda and Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried. Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the November 2024 council minutes and Councilman Jamie Vincent 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, mentioned holiday and birthdays, Dennis Endres, former planning board member passed in March. Greenville parade was a nice event, meals on wheels is more than delivery of food.
- Councilman Jamie Vincent spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming out, wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming to the meeting, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Attorney Keen Lassiter – not in attendance due to other commitments

MAYOR REPORTS:

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly about the wreaths being noticed by the public, meals on wheels serves Simpson, each route requires 8 stops, due to several deaths in the past few months we are down to 3 residents, need to find more residents on the route before the route is lost. Christmas senior gift cards will go out soon, new fence will be going up at the park this week, new homes have started to be built by the post office, first new homes in Simpson in 26 years, issues with abandoned homes and multi-heir properties, working with a real estate attorney that will have something to present at January meeting on some proposals of ordinances to help clean up those properties. Donations will be sent to the churches and fire department and end the year in the black, results of the audit will be presented in January.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Discuss changing the election year from odd numbered years to even numbered years.

New Law Regarding Pornography on Government Networks and Devices

Representative Tim Reeder, MD spoke about Simpson's request to change election years from odd-numbered to even-numbered years. The bill will be submitted once the new session starts in 2025.

ITEMS FOR MOTION:

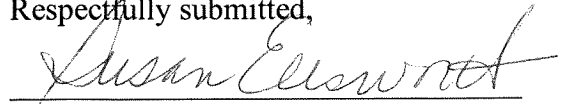
A motion was made by Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas to approve Resolution Prohibiting Viewing of Pornography on Village of Simpson Networks and Devices. Councilman Jamie Vincent seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas to approve having Representative Tim Reeder, MD submit a bill to General Assembly of North Carolina 2025 session changing the election year from odd to even years. 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 ProTem Dianne Thomas. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm

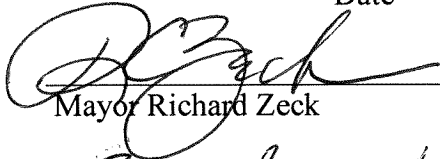
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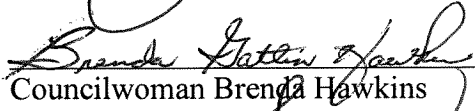
Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On

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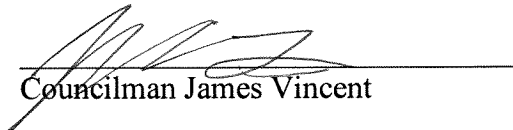
Mayor Richard Zeck



Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins



Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas



Councilman James Vincent