

**The Village of Simpson  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
May 20, 2024  
6:00 P.M.**

The Village of Simpson held a Regular Council Meeting at 6:01 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**

Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins provided prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND APRIL 2024 COUNCIL MINUTES**

Mayor Richard Zeck let the council know of an addition to the agenda, an ordinance amending Chapter 91 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Simpson.

Mayor Pro Tem Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the addition to the agenda and Councilman Jamie Vincent seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

Mayor ProTem 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 April 2024 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, mentioned holidays and birthdays, need for updated driver's license for travel, NCDOT will be making changes to traffic lights, passings of residents' family members.

Councilman Jamie Vincent spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming out, as it starts to heat up stay hydrated and watch out for animals with no legs (snakes).

Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming to the meeting, also mentioned passings of residents' family members.

## **ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

Attorney Keen Lassiter had no report. Councilman Jamie Vincent asked about an update on the Newbold property. Keen stated he spoke with the office manager, Lisa, one tenant has moved out and there is one more tenant in violation. A buffer fence will be installed.

## **MAYOR REPORTS:**

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly about Pitt County does the collecting of taxes not Simpson, the Ad-Valorem taxes may increase by \$50,000 due to appeal decisions, the shelter is being constructed, all ARPA funds were used for revenue replacement and grant will be closed, the grass ordinance approval for a second section in the ordinance 91.20, request changing the June meeting due to staff being out of town to June 10<sup>th</sup>. Culvert work will be started soon, requested that the ordinance stating that the property owners are responsible for cutting of the ditch on their property.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

- ARPA Grant Project Ordinance – close out of the ARPA funds
- Change June 17<sup>th</sup> council meeting to June 10<sup>th</sup>
- Ordinance amending Chapter 91 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Simpson

## **ITEMS FOR MOTION:**

A motion was made by Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas to approve the ARPA Grant Project Ordinance. Councilman Jamie Vincent seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

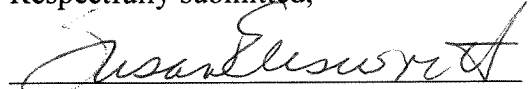
A motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins to approve the Ordinance amending Chapter 91 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Simpson. Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas to approve the change of the June 17<sup>th</sup> council meeting to June 10<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Jamie Vincent seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Jamie Vincent to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

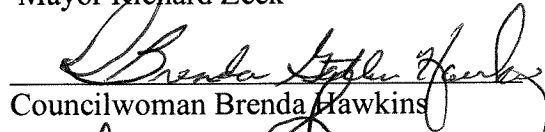


Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 6/10/24  
Date



Mayor Richard Zeck



Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins



Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas



Councilman Jamie Vincent