

**The Village of Simpson
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

The Village of Simpson held a Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 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 is a quorum.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Zeck, Mayor
Brenda Hawkins, Councilwoman
Dianne Thomas, Mayor Pro-Tem
Mary Moye, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT

Susan Ellsworth, Finance Officer
Citizens

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins provided prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, NOVEMBER COUNCIL MINUTES, TEXT AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE MINUTES AND SPECIAL USE PERMIT 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 Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the November Council minutes and Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the Text Amendment to Zoning Ordinance minutes and Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the Public Hearing Special Use Permit minutes and Councilwoman Mary seconded the motion. All voted “Aye”, the motion was carried.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:

Hugh Mills stated that Simpson is a village to be proud of. Thank you to the elected officials for carrying Simpson to a place we all can be proud of.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke briefly thanking everyone for attending, wished everyone Happy Birthday, Merry Christmas, Hanukkah and Happy New Year, keep up on shots, dedication at DH Conley for longtime secretary Pearl Frizzell, dog running around, brown and white, with collar, golf cart with three person, parked on Thompson St, then walking to Hardee Acres or J Acres on the railroad tracks, Ms. Mildred Thomas and the Pitt County 4Hers are celebrating their 25th year with the County All Stars, thank you to the Mayor for doing gifts to the over 70 residents, mention 5 things you should do before getting out of bed each morning. Mentioned that the village was represented at Sheriff Paula Dance swearing in ceremony. Postal costs will be going up in January
- Councilwoman Mary Moyer spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming out, the dog has attacked a resident dog, that needed to go to vet due to injuries, wished everyone Happy holidays and don't eat too much.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming to the meeting, agreed with Hugh Mills about the village being a proud village to live in, wished everyone a merry Christmas.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Attorney Keen Lassiter was not in attendance due to another commitment

MAYOR REPORTS:

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly

- on track with budgeted expenses and income. Simpson has a good rainy-day fund.
- A/R summary, there is some legislation moving through Raleigh, about ways to handle abandoned property that is bringing down the value of other properties', unpaid taxes and service bills puts a burden on sources of revenue, it is unfair for the burden to be on the residents of Simpson. It will go up next year, \$22,000 is a lot of money, as a health prospective we do have to maintain the property, a tax lien is placed on the property, we are open to negotiation and discussion, property owners have not contacted the office.
- new street lights are providing a safer environment.
- Christmas wreaths looking great this year, several residents having Christmas displays this year.
- Christmas gift cards will be going out later this week,

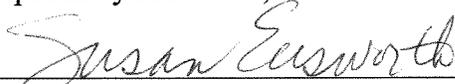
ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

No items

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 7:20PM

Respectfully submitted,

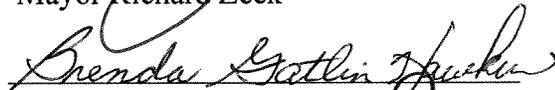


Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

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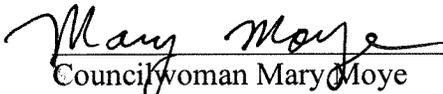
Mayor Richard Zeck



Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins



Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas



Councilwoman Mary Moye