

**The Village of Simpson
Regular Council Meeting
February 24, 2020
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, Mayor Pro-Tem
Dianne Thomas, Councilwoman
Mary Moye, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT

Susan Ellsworth, Finance Officer
Keen Lassiter, Village of Simpson Attorney
Citizens

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins provided prayer. Mayor Zeck lead the Pledge.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MARCH MINUTES:

Mayor Richard Zeck asked the council if there was anything to add or change to the agenda. Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the agenda and Councilwoman Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried. Councilwoman Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the January minutes and Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:

Emily Corbett
Hugh Mills

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke briefly thanking everyone. Brenda asked if it would possible to have a crosswalk put in by the Post Office, questioned the President

Day Holiday and mentioned the bookmobile will be at the village office on March 13, 2020.

- Councilwoman Mary Moye spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming out tonight.
- Councilwoman Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for attending the meeting. Dianne spoke about the importance of calling 811 before starting to dig. Dianne had extra flyers for the residents.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

Attorney Keen Lassiter spoke of updates on condemnations – 2625 Gatlin Street, the owners have been working on removing the burn debris, which should be completed by this weekend. 423 Wilson Street, Attorney Keen has spoken several times since last month with Mr. Edwards at Buildings and Inspection Department at Pitt County, they are working on condemning the three mobile homes. Lastly, 2678 Thompson Street, a demand letter was mailed last month to the property owner, who lives in Washington, DC and will be filing a compliant on that shortly. Attorney Keen has asked to go into closed session to discuss a couple of legal matters with the council.

MAYOR REPORTS:

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly on the financials, we projected a small increase of revenue and we have already exceeded that by about 9% from last year. Mayor Zeck mentioned that March 28, 2020, 10am to noon, would be Simpson Spring Clean Up Day. Two large containers will be at the Village Office one for yard waste, the other for other items, the Village will get some young people to help pick up from the roadside. The Village has received multiple calls on animals, one resident did call the sheriff's department to come out and the dog was there, it was reported to animal services and the owner was cited.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Mayor Richard Zeck will be attending a meeting with DOT March 5th, for an update on the roundabout, will mention putting in a crosswalk by the post office and fixing of the road by the railroad track on Queen St. Mayor Zeck spoke about the Simpson park's needs and usage, Park Rental Agreement. There is a need to review the fees, hour of use, residents pay a fee, Mayor Zeck asked the Council to review the rental agreement, concession stand, walking trail and bleachers and be ready to share thoughts at the next meeting. Mayor Zeck refer to the Planning Board recommendation of Parcels 50113 and 85718 to be annexed to Greenville, we will discuss it in closed session, due to legal matters. The Planning Board recommendation of rezoning of the Blue Creek Farms has a long process to go through before Council will need to decide on the rezoning. Mayor Zeck spoke on the houses on the condemnation list, all have not been touched in three years, are not saleable and rehabbing is too costly. One last thirty day notice will be sent to the property owners stating if we don't hear from you, we will moved ahead with the condemnation process.

ITEMS FOR MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dianne Thomas to have Susan Ellsworth serve as Simpson's representative to the Mid-East Commission Board for two years. Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

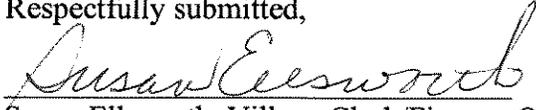
Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made a motion to go into Closed Session, pursuant to NCGS S Section 143-318.11 (a) (3). Councilwoman Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made a motion to reopen the council meeting and Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

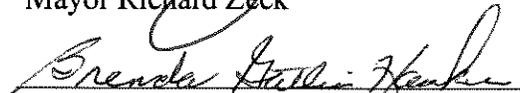
A motion was made by Dianne Thomas to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by councilwoman Mary Moye. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned.

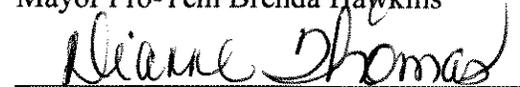
Respectfully submitted,


Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 3-16-2020
Date


Mayor Richard Zeck


Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins


Councilwoman Dianne Thomas


Councilwoman Mary Moye

