

**The Village of Simpson
Regular Council Meeting
January 27, 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 Diane Thomas provided prayer.
Mayor Zeck lead the Pledge.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MARCH MINUTES

Mayor Richard Zeck asked the council if they had anything to add or change to the agenda. .
Councilwoman 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 December minutes and
Councilwoman Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:

Mayor Richard Zeck asked if there were any public comments.
No one spoke

GUEST SPEAKER:

Michael Overton spoke about the ENC Alliance and why it is important to the area.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke briefly thanking everyone for attending, mentioned the bookmobile, a fruit sale coming up, animal services, street signs needing attention and questioned about the water project in town.

Councilwoman Mary Moye spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming out and she is available to everyone.

Councilwoman Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for being at the meeting and is excited for the progress for 2020.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Attorney Keen Lassiter updated the council on the condemned properties, 2625 Gatlin Street at the request of the owner has burned by the Simpson Fire Department on December 16, 2019. The debris has not been removed as of Friday, January 24, 2020. In speaking with Mr. Smith, he stated that he would have it cleaned up in two weeks. Attorney Keen will give Mr. Smith a call at the point of time. Condemned home at 2678 Thompson, working on the draft of the lawsuit and will have it done soon. Attorney Keen spoke with Keith Edwards of Pitt County Inspection Department, all mailings have been returned, that is why it is posted on the property. There may be some issues once the lawsuit is filed due to it being needed to be individually served. The property at 423 Wilson Street, Attorney has spoken with Mr. Edwards about this property. Mr. Edwards has assured Attorney Keen that they will be moving forward on the condemning on the mobile homes.

MAYOR REPORTS:

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly on the financials, revenues are higher than expected and expenses are lower than in years past. Financials are very strong and solid due to increase in permit fees, reimbursement monies, and mowing fees. The HVAC system had a carbon monoxide leak, due to lack of maintenance on the units. The 2020 Census is crucial to Simpson, it will affect monies we receive for Powell Bill, sales and use tax, and ad-valorem. The vision for 2020 is for new homes, spring cleanup, continue ditch cleaning and work with economic development entities and focus on delinquent tax collections.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Human Trafficking Proclamation, Black History Month Proclamation and 2019-2020 Budget Amendment

ITEMS FOR MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dianne Thomas to adopt the Human Trafficking Proclamation, Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dianne Thomas to adopt Black History Proclamation Councilwoman Mary Moye, seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

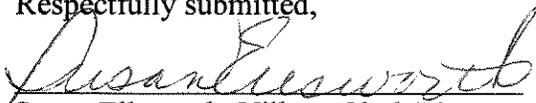
A motion was made by Councilwoman Dianne Thomas to adopt the Budget Amendment Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins, seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins to approve the admittance into the Greenville ENC Alliance. Councilwoman Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

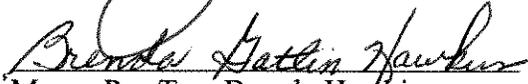
A motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by councilwoman Dianne Thomas. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned.

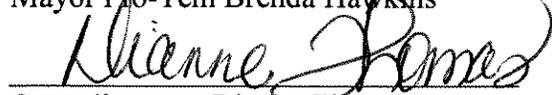
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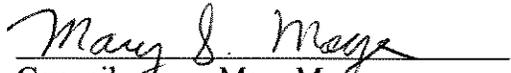

Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 2/24/2020
Date


Mayor Richard Zeck


Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins


Councilwoman Dianne Thomas


Councilwoman Mary Moe

