

**The Village of Simpson  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
January 24, 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  
Keen Lassiter, Village of Simpson Attorney  
Citizens

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins provided prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND DECEMBER COUNCIL MINUTES**

Mayor Richard Zeck asked the council if they had anything to add or change to the agenda. Mayor Pro-Tem 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 Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

**PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:**

No comments

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke briefly wishing Happy New Year and Happy Birthday from January 24<sup>th</sup> to February 28<sup>th</sup>, good news on the N95 masks, Red Cross is continuing requesting for blood donations, residents express concerns on pot holes and street cleaning, hopefully we can have someone address this. Suddenlink has been doing some training, two water lines broke in the past couple of weeks.
- Councilwoman Mary Moye spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming out, stated that she is happy with all the improvements that are happening in the village, thanked everyone for trusting the council to accomplish these things.

- Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas spoke briefly Happy New Year to everyone, thanked everyone for coming to the first 2022 council meeting, so proud of the progress the village is making, two passing of residents, please contact the office if you hear of any passing of residents or family members, mentioned the water breaks on January 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, that were repaired in a timely matter, and be safe this weekend as we are expecting snow. Thank you to Mayor for all he is doing for the village.

### **ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

Attorney Keen Lassiter briefly spoke about the Blakely lawsuit, back in the fall an order from the court to demolish the homes was issued, contractor was hired, work was completed, assuming there no additional work needs to be done, the necessary paperwork has been prepared to get back in court for a final judgement against Blakely and Ms. Staton to cover contractor and attorney fees. Court date is February 21, 2022, 9 AM (DC02)

### **MAYOR REPORTS:**

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly:

- Land Use flyer, current Land Use Plan is very outdated, Mid Commission is coming to help organize, lead a public open house for the residents to come by to share suggests and ideas.
- Social media is the best form of communication, the best way to get information to the residents.
- Several residents have responded about the Christmas gift cards in a positive way. Going forward we need to make this an annual thing.
- Within the next week we are going to start moving forward on the codification, the big book of all the ordinances, an email will be sent out with the changes, additions or deletions that are being recommended to the codification by the Village Attorney, to be discussed at the February Council meeting.
- Spoke about how much Simpson tax dollars are received from the total tax bill and how the monies are spent.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

- Black History Proclamation for the month of February.
- PARTF Funds, monies for the improvement of the walking trail
- SCIF Funds, monies received from North Carolina for the improvement of the roads within the village city limits
- Removal and Disposal of junked vehicles, changes recommended by the Simpson Planning Board.

### **ITEMS FOR MOTION:**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dianne Thomas to accept the Black History Proclamation for February. Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted “Aye”, the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dianne Thomas to accept the PARTF funds. Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins seconded the motion. All voted “Aye”, the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dianne Thomas to accept the SCIF funds. Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted “Aye”, the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dianne Thomas to accept the Planning Board recommendation of the limit of five (5) vehicles per household. Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted “Aye”, the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins to accept the Planning Board recommendation of the addition of (92.04 C) fine for property owner in violation of over limit of abandoned, nuisance and junked vehicles, after seven (7) days from written notice sent to property owner, if not bought into compliance, at ten dollars (\$10) per day, per vehicle billed to the property owner. Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

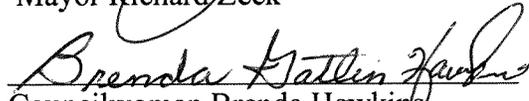
A motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dianne Thomas. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

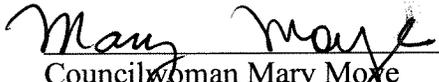
  
Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 2/28/2022  
Date

  
Mayor Richard Zeck

  
Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins

  
Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas

  
Councilwoman Mary Moye