

**The Village of Simpson
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2020
7:30 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 Dianne Thompson provided prayer and pledge.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MAY MINUTES

Mayor Richard Zeck stated that there is a change to the agenda. Simpson needs a Discrimination Program. Mayor Zeck asked the council if they had anything to add or change to the agenda. Councilwoman Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the change to the agenda and Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried. Councilwoman Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the May 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, shared that there is still concern about the ditches, reminded everyone about the virus and to

wash hands, wear a mask, and practice social distancing, asked everyone to do the census, reminded everyone tax deadline is July 15th, and thanks to for the display of the flags in the village.

- Councilwoman Mary Moye spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming out.
- Councilwoman Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming to the meeting, agreed with Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins on the ditches, Covid 19 is still out there, be safe.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Attorney Keen Lassiter - no comments.

MAYOR REPORTS:

- spoke briefly about a six to three vote by Pitt County Commissioners making it mandatory for citizens and employees to wear masks, Scott Elliot was instructed to meet with all Pitt County towns. The representatives of the towns by a vote of ten to zero requested that the words “mandatory and required by citizens be removed”, a second vote by Pitt County Commissioners resulted in an eight to one vote not to make it mandatory or required.
- Public hearing on the budget will be next Monday June 22nd, stating that there will be a cut in revenues by about 8%.
- Trash, waste, and recyclables fees are going to be increased which the village will absorb.
- Addressed the ditch issue by stating that the person doing the cleanup is an engineer, the water levels are different in parts of the community, it is going to take time to get the water flowing after years of neglect.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- July Council meeting, Mayor Zeck stated this meeting may not be needed.
- New cell tower agreement – Mayor Zeck mentioned that the cell tower is currently being rented, a company has approached us about taking over the tower and getting more money for Simpson. Attorney Lassiter added there is a current ground lease that will end in 2026. Referring the letter in council packet, he spoke that he had requested some changes, and all were agreed to and completed by EIP Holdings II, LLC.
- Community day selection – Saturday, September 12, 2020

ITEMS FOR MOTION:

Mayor asked for a motion to cancel the July council meeting was made by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins. Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted “Aye”, the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dianne Thomas, Councilwoman to adopt the bid process, Brenda Hawkins, Councilwoman, seconded the motion. All voted “Aye”, the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dianne Thomas to adopt the letter of easement and letter agreement, subject to upset bid within the 10-day period. Mary Moye, Councilwoman, seconded the motion. All voted “Aye”, the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dianne Thomas to adopt a resolution adopting a Title VI Policy to Prohibit Discrimination in Programs and Services. Brenda Hawkins, Councilwoman, seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

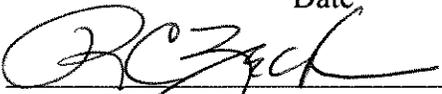
ADJOURNMENT

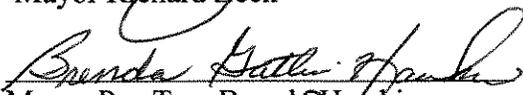
A motion was made by Councilwoman Dianne Thomas to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mary Moye. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

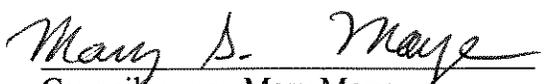

Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 8/17/2020
Date


Mayor Richard Zeck


Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins


Councilwoman Dianne Thomas


Councilwoman Mary Moye



1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. This is essential for ensuring the integrity of the financial data and for providing a clear audit trail.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze data. These methods include direct observation, interviews, and the use of specialized software tools.

3. The final part of the document provides a detailed analysis of the results obtained from the data collection process. This analysis identifies key trends and areas for improvement, and it offers practical recommendations for addressing these issues.