

**The Village of Simpson
Regular Council Meeting
March 16, 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 Moyer, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilwoman Mary Moyer 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, delete, or change to the agenda.

Councilwoman Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the agenda and Councilwoman Mary Moyer seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried. Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the February minutes and Councilwoman Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:

No public comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke briefly thanking everyone and mentioned events happening in the area.
- Councilwoman Mary Moye spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming out.
- Councilwoman Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming out and mentioned how restaurants and schools are handling meals.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Attorney Keen Lassiter spoke about

- 2625 Gatlin Street, that has been burnt down, the owner has been in contact stating illness and rain has delayed the cleanup process, it will be completed within the next two weeks.
- 423 Wilson Street, the Pitt County Inspections Department has started the process to get this in the system, mailed out notices of the hearing on March 13, 2020. Keith Edwards told Attorney Keen that Melvin Blakely did not show, the next stage is to send out an order, which was done on March 16, 2020, with a 60-day window to fix. If not completed it will be turned over to the Village of Simpson.
- requested assistance for finding the additional owners of 2678 Thompson Street.

MAYOR REPORTS:

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly on:

- Financials stating Simpson is in a very good mode.
- Spring Clean Up day will be needed to be rescheduled until April.
- Recycling is going to go away sooner than the end of the year. The garbage/recycling process is going through big changes, there may be increase costs. Susan Ellsworth stated that curbside pick up for recycle items may be eliminated.
- Street parking and the importance of not parking on the side of the road. Parking on the grass by the road is still considered the road.
- Condemnation update – letters with a 30-day notice for the six houses on the list were sent out, two are in the process of clean up (2682 Thompson & 2647 Hardee), 2650 Hardee maybe in the process, no official action at this time. No action has been taken on the other 3. Mayor Zeck is recommending that the 3 houses (2647 Gatlin, 2613 Hardee, 2561 Hardee) need to proceed to the next level of the condemnation process in another two weeks.
- Martin-Pitt Partnership for Children, in conjunction with the North Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children asked for the Village to do a Proclamation to support the children during April 2020.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke about

- Park and Recreation usage and what other towns are doing. Fees for residents and non-residents, hours of usage need to be reviewed and need of proof of residence. Brenda Hawkins suggested to have time to think about this and come to the next meeting with a plan.
- Requested a motion to continue the process on the 3 houses on the condemnation list when the 30 days are up.

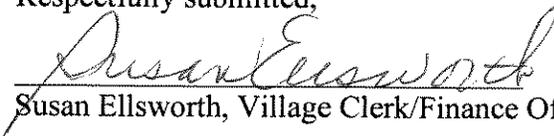
ITEMS FOR MOTION:

- A motion was made by Councilwoman Dianne Thomas, to continue the process of the condemnation of 2647 Gatlin, 2613 Hardee and 2561 Hardee after the completion of the 30-day warning. Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

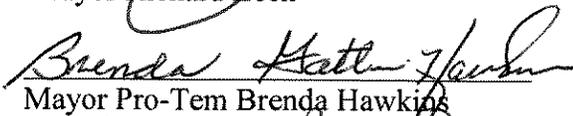
- A motion was made by Brenda Hawkins to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

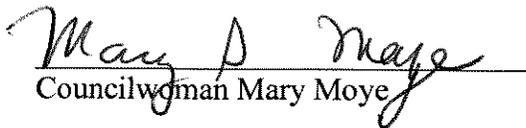

Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 5/18/2020
Date


Mayor Richard Zeck


Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins


Councilwoman Dianne Thomas


Councilwoman Mary Moye

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