

**The Village of Simpson  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2023  
6:00 P.M.**

The Village of Simpson held a Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 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 was 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/Clerk  
Citizens

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins provided prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND OCTOBER 16, 2023 COUNCIL MINUTES**

Mayor Richard Zeck asked the council if they had anything to add or change to the agenda. Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the agenda and Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried. Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the October 16, 2023 council minutes and Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

**PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:**

Hugh Mills congratulated the board on the election results, questioned non-residents speaking during public comment time.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke briefly thanking everyone for attending, birthday wishes, Thanksgiving and Pearl Harbor Day, residents wonder why the park lot has been closed, process on dog issues, are people required to call ahead of time to speak at meetings, Metronet check in to the office before going out to solicitate, green light resolution done at last meeting, any reason the town didn't have one, two groundbreakings, fire department painting fire hydrants, letter for donations and pancake supper was good.
- Councilwoman Mary Moye spoke briefly thanking everyone for their support and continue to do the best for the village.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for the support on election day, coming to the meeting, Happy Thanksgiving

### **ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

Attorney Keen Lassiter not in attendance due to meeting date change and another commitment

### **MAYOR REPORTS:**

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly

- Financials are a little ahead of last year, relatively little expenses.
- Parking lot chain opening and closing, the park was closed during the winter months in the past, complaints about overnight parking, playing loud music. Council needs to come out with a solution. Each person will call Village Clerk.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

- Grant from ENC Alliance for ad in Livability magazine
- 2024 Council meeting dates
- 2024 Holiday closing dates
- Donations to the Philippi, Salem Methodist Churches and the Simpson Fire Department
- Christmas gifts for senior residents over 75 years of age

### **ITEMS FOR MOTION:**

A motion was made by Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas to approve the application of a grant from ENC Alliance for on ad in Livability magazine. Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins to approve the 2024 meeting and holiday dates. Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas to approve the \$300 donations to the churches and fire department in Simpson. Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas to approve the \$35 Christmas gift cards to the Simpson residents over 75. Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mary Moye. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

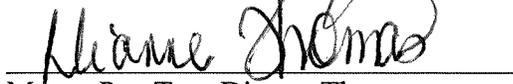
Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 12/11/23  
Date

  
Mayor Richard Zeck

  
Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins

  
Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas

  
Councilwoman Mary Moye