

**The Village of Simpson
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 21, 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, Village Clerk/Finance Officer
Keen Lassiter, Village of Simpson Attorney
Citizens

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins provided prayer and pledge.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND AUGUST MINUTES

Mayor Richard Zeck asked the council if they had anything to add or change to the agenda. Mayor Zeck stated that the July Special Call Meeting minutes need to be added to the agenda for approval.

Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the September agenda and Councilwoman Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried. Councilwoman Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the July Special Call minutes and Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried. Councilwoman Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the August minutes and Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:

Hugh Mills, Mill Street, stated the Village is headed in the right direction

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke briefly thanking everyone for attending. Philippi Church had thirty-eight (38) people receive the flu shot on Saturday, K-5 students will be going back to school around October 5, 2020. Questioned the use of firepits for burning, cards being sent to residents, Speedway has gloves at the pumps.
- Councilwoman Mary Moyer spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming out, mentioned the ditches on Wilson Street are in need of work to improve drainage.
- Councilwoman Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming to the meeting. Thanked the Mayor for his assistance with the block party.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

- Informed Council members that if two (2) members of the council get together that is seen as a quorum.
- Heads up on the rezoning of Blue Creek, about week after the rezoning it was discovered a portion of one parcel was not in Simpson's ETJ, an amendment will be brought to the October meeting for approval.
- Demolition matters will be moved forward on in the near future.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

- COVID update - masks are available, a hand sanitizer station is being setup in the lobby, no reports of the illness in the Simpson community.
- Financials – in good position, first cell tower check received.
- Storm clean up – the future policy in order is - when a State of Emergency is called by the Governor, a dumpster to be at the back of the Town Hall for three (3) days. Private contractor will provide cleanup of all streets to pick up four (4) foot limbs only for the three (3) days.
- Pitt County gifted Simpson a 2001 Dodge pickup to replace the 1990 Chevy.
- Street survey discussion is postponed until October 2020.
- Blue Creek – lots of talk and rumors, until there is an application there is nothing going on there.

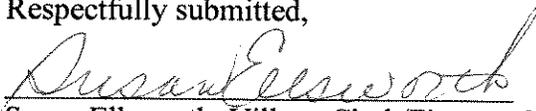
ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- Community Day – due to the uncertainty of hurricane season and COVID, Mayor Zeck recommends postponing until spring. Council agreed to wait until spring. All donations need to be turned into the office. Any short-dated donated items will be used at the Christmas gathering.
- Wilson Street ditches are in bad condition and will be worked on in the next month.
- Simpson Ballpark usage – will be addressed next year because we are at the end of the season. In the past Coach Keyes maintained the field and now we have someone else tending to it in exchange for the use of the field.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins mentioned if people are walking around town, going door to door, are they required to report to the Town Hall. Mayor Zeck mentioned that Simpson does not have an ordinance on peddlers or solicitors. An ordinance will be put together for the October meeting.

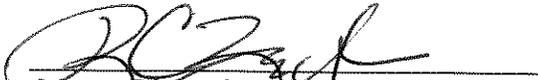
ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

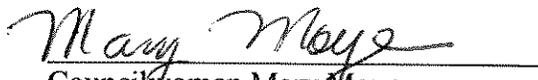

Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 10/19/2020
Date


Mayor Richard Zeck


Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins


Councilwoman Dianne Thomas


Councilwoman Mary Moyer

