

**The Village of Simpson  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2022  
7:00 P.M.**

The Village of Simpson held a Regular Council Meeting at 7:03 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 AUGUST MINUTES**

Mayor Richard Zeck added the Green Light Resolution to the agenda.  
Mayor Zeck asked the council if they had anything to add or change to the agenda.  
Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the agenda with the change and Mayor Pro Tem Dianne Thomas 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:**

No comments

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke briefly thanking everyone for attending, Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to anyone between September 19<sup>th</sup> to October 16<sup>th</sup>, covid and flu shots are available, mentioned an incident that happened at Hope Middle School, DMV real ID will be required by May 3, 2023, thank Greenville Utilities for cutting the branches in the village, 2 residents passed Patricia Blow and Ollie Jenkins, you can request an absentee ballot and thank you to the residents for making the community look great.
- Councilwoman Mary Moye spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming out, Simpson postal clerk has moved to Grimesland Post Office.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming to the meeting, as mentioned by Brenda, Patricia Blow passed and her son Tremaine resides at the home will be relocating, ECU Health has changed the visitor rules to 2 visitors at a time instead of 2 per day.

### **ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

Attorney Keen Lassiter had no report.

### **MAYOR REPORTS:**

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly about financials being in good shape, a number of complaints about Edwards Drive, excessive number of vehicles, blocking roadway, safety issue for emergency calls, meeting with the owner of the property next week, receiving calls about wild dogs, we have a contract with Pitt County which we pay for each dispatched visit, if a person feels threatened or there is a dangerous dog you can call 911 and the sheriff's department will come out and handle the situation at the expense of the owner, working with Pitt County on storm water, secondary ditches that run behind homes on private property, some information we have found is there are not very many easements on the behalf of Simpson on some of these properties, once maps are received and reviewed for ownership or easements, it is the owner's responsibility to clean them up.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

Updated Simpson Land Use Plan. Jamie Heath stated the land use plan is a vision for the future land use for the village and the ETJ, also lays the groundwork for regulatory laws that govern development.

205j Stormwater mapping Grant. Jamie Heath stated this is a grant through NC Department Environmental Quality, provided by the USDA for the purpose of water quality planning in municipalities. Jamie stated that \$20,000 should cover the cost of the project. Application is due October 3, 2022, if rewarded the project would start in January 2023.

### **ITEMS FOR MOTION:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins to adopt the 2022 Simpson Land Use Plan. Mayor Pro Tem Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

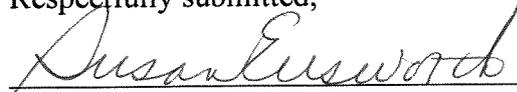
A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dianne Thomas to adopt the Resolution Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans. Councilwoman Mary Moyer seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins apply for the 205j Stormwater Mapping Grant with a 10% match from Simpson. Councilwoman Mary Moyer seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

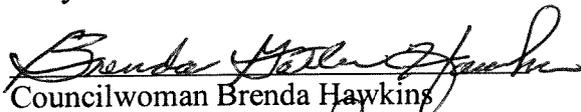
A motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dianne Thomas. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

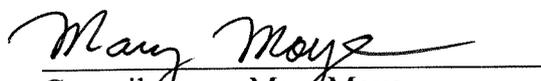
  
Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 10/17/2022  
Date

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Mayor Richard Zeck

  
Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins

  
Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas

  
Councilwoman Mary Moyer