

**The Village of Simpson  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
April 17, 2023  
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 AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Richard Zeck welcomed everyone and 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

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Councilwoman Mary Moye provided prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MARCH 2023 COUNCIL MINUTES**

Mayor Richard Zeck stated that FY 2023-2024 Simpson Budget draft needed to be added under items for discussion to the agenda.

Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the agenda and the addition of FY 2023-2024 Simpson Budget draft for discussion. Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the March 2023 council minutes and Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas 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, special holidays, Earth Day, Administration Professional Day, Mother's Day, May 20<sup>th</sup> is Armed Forces Day, May 26, 1965, the Voting Rights bill was passed. Concerns about meals on wheels, it's not just a meal, people get checked on as well, asked if a card could be added to a mailing explaining the program, trash trucks seem to be leaking oil, Mayor Zeck stated that there nothing that can be done, GUC replacing poles, Council on Aging will have a shred day on April 28<sup>th</sup>, class for wills and trust on April 19<sup>th</sup>, Simpson Fire Department is having a pancake dinner on April 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Councilwoman Mary Moyer spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming out, Metronet is coming, Northern Pitt County Association, special April 29<sup>th</sup>, bringing in representatives from Ghana, Africa to tour this area and schools.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming to the meeting, visited the Grifton SHAD festival, it was very nice, the mobile home on Telfaire St. has it under pinning removed and not replaced, looks poorly, proud of all that is going on in the village, asked the mayor if someone from the sheriff's office could come by and give a talk about some safety tips.

### **ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

Attorney Keen Lassiter was not in attendance due to another commitment

### **MAYOR REPORTS:**

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly

- Monthly financials, good revenues, in line with the budget
- Dogs on Moore Street, see something, hear something, call the sheriff, they will come out, dogs must be on a leash.
- Flags will be going up soon
- Some driveway tiles and ditches will be cleaned out soon
- Parking on both sides of Telfaire by the ballfield is an unsafe practice, emergency vehicles can't get through.
- Budget draft is for review before the next council meeting

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

- FY 2023-2024 Budget
- Demolition and clean up of park building and area around it.

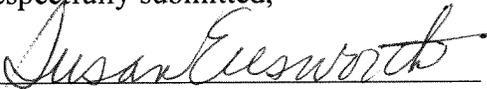
### **ITEMS FOR MOTION:**

A motion was made by Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas for the demolition of the park building and cleanup of the area around it. Councilwoman Mary Moyer seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

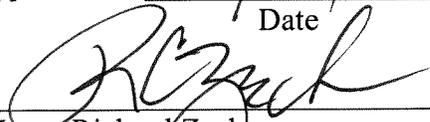
**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

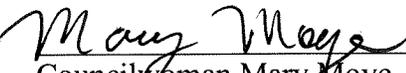
  
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Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 5/15/2023  
Date

  
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Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas

  
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Councilwoman Mary Moye