

**The Village of Simpson
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2022
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, 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 Mary Moye provided prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND DECEMBER 2022 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 Brenda Hawkins seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried. Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the December 12, 2022 minutes and Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

Hailey Fisher, Central Region Trillium Health Resources, addressed the Council and attendees about NC Stop Human trafficking proclamation and gave additional information on North Carolina's human trafficking statistics. Thanked the Village of Simpson for proclaiming January as Human Trafficking Awareness month.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:

No comments

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke briefly thanking everyone for attending, February holidays 2/14 Valentine Day, 2/20 President's Day, wished happy birthday and anniversaries to those between January 23rd to February 27th, Christmas gifts cards were appreciated, issue with a dog running free at the park, lights not working on two light poles, trash issue in a yard on Queen Street, yard waste on a property.
- Councilwoman Mary Moye spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming out, pitbull running free, owner stated the dog would not be put on a leash, multiple cars in a yard.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming to the meeting, Christmas cards were appreciated, new resident, Jimmie Barhill, would like a new resident packet, thanked everyone for their time.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Attorney Keen Lassiter, stated that he is working on the Thompson Street property issue and the Edwards Drive issue, more information will be provided at the February meeting.

MAYOR REPORTS:

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly the roundabout most likely will not be done until 2025, Edwards Drive, owner Allen Newbold, has numerous issues that are being addressed. Thompson Street is a health issue and it's needs to be takedown. New homes going in behind the post office will be an increase in property revenue for Simpson. A feasibility study for sidewalks on Queen and Telfaire needs council approval, no guarantee that Simpson will get sidewalks. For the next meeting we need discuss the park, play equipment, ball park, building and bathrooms. Received a letter from Philippi Church thanking Simpson for the donation. The store on the corner of Simpson and Thompson has been sold and will be cleaned up.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- Black History Proclamation
- NC Stop Human Trafficking Proclamation
- Resolution for accepting North Carolina Department of Transportation – Integrated Mobility Division application for Paved Trails and Sidewalk Feasibility Study Grant 2022 application

ITEMS FOR MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins to approve the NC Stop Human Trafficking Proclamation. Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

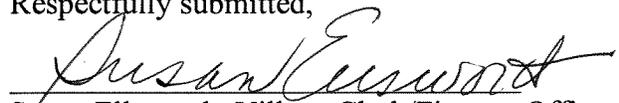
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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mary Moyer. All voted “Aye”, the motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

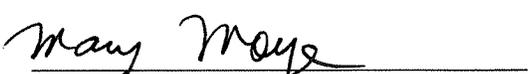

Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 2/27/23
Date


Mayor Richard Zeck


Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins


Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas


Councilwoman Mary Moyer