

**The Village of Simpson  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
May 15, 2023  
7:02 P.M.**

The Village of Simpson held a Regular Council Meeting at 7:02 P.M. in the Village Hall, 2768 Thompson Street, Simpson, NC.

**WELCOME AND CALLED THE MEETING 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  
Keen Lassiter, Village of Simpson Attorney  
Citizens

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas provided prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND APRIL COUNCIL MINUTES**

Mayor Richard 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 and Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried. Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the April 2023 council 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 addressed the public
- Councilwoman Mary Moye addressed the public
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas addressed the public.

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

Attorney Keen Lassiter thank you the council for they concern for his father, no further comments.

**MAYOR REPORTS:**

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly

- Flags will go up next week and to be taken down after Labor Day
- Road update – erosion issue on the corner of Kent and Mill
- Monthly finances are on track
- Park update – three trees will be taking down on Wednesday; permits have been applied for the additional work
- Dogs – Simpson follows Pitt County ordinance, the Sheriff department will help with a dangerous animal
- Proposed the Simpson meeting be changed to 6pm, several towns practice this time frame
- FY 2023-2024 budget will basically be flat due to the economy

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

Amending § 30.01 DAYS for regular meetings of the Simpson Code Ordinance of the Village of Simpson, North Carolina on adjust meeting time

**ITEMS FOR MOTION:**

A motion was made by Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas, to approve amending § 30.01 DAYS for regular meetings of the Simpson Code Ordinance of the Village of Simpson, North Carolina adjusting the meeting time from 7:00pm to 6:00pm. Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins seconded the motion. All voted “Aye”, the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

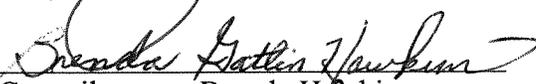
A motion was made by Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mary Moye. All voted “Aye”, the motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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 Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 6/19/23  
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 Date

  
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 Mayor Richard Zeck

  
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 Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins

  
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 Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas

  
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 Councilwoman Mary Moye