

**The Village of Simpson
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

The Village of Simpson held a Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 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 was a quorum.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Zeck, Mayor
Brenda Hawkins, Councilwoman
Dianne Thomas, Mayor Pro-Tem
James Vincent, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT

Susan Ellsworth, Finance Officer/Clerk
Keen Lassiter, Village of Simpson Attorney
Citizens

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Rich Zeck provided prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND OCTOBER 2024 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 Councilman Jamie Vincent seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried. Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the October 2024 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, asked about a leaf pick up being done by a vacuum truck instead of containers, Gloria Blackwell passing, suggesting something be done at the intersection at the railroad tracks on Queen St., happy birthday and happy holiday greetings.
- Councilman Jamie Vincent spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming out and thank the council and mayor for the sympathy card for his Aunt Peggy
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming to the meeting, stated how proud she and others are of the progress of Simpson

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Attorney Keen Lassiter reviewed the condemnation ordinance and will save comments until discuss time.

MAYOR REPORTS:

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly stated financials are in the black, trash container offered to the residents was well used, close to a resolution of the issues at the industrial park, changing the election process from odd years to even years.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 2025 Council meetings dates, no changes to the submitted dates.
- 2025 Holiday schedule dates, no changes to the submitted dates.
- 2025 Christmas cards for Seniors, agreed to the same \$35 as last year for residents over 75
- April 2025 50th celebration of Simpson Incorporation, to discuss ideas at January 2025 Council meeting
- Condemnation Ordinance – Attorney Keen stated he has reviewed the draft ordinance, mentioned that Conrad Paysour created it and he does a lot of the condemnation for the City of Greenville, there are no special concerns with the ordinance, he will speak with Conrad on a couple of questions, then the council approve it at a later time.

ITEMS FOR MOTION:

A motion was made by Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas to approve the 2025 meetings dates. Councilman Jamie Vincent seconded the motion. All voted “Aye”, the motion was carried.


A motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins to approve the 2025 holiday schedule. Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted “Aye”, the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas to approve the \$35 Christmas cards for Simpson residents over 75. Councilman Jamie Vincent seconded the motion. All voted “Aye”, the motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Jamie Vincent to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

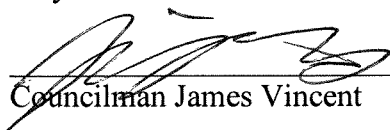

Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 12/9/24
Date


Mayor Richard Zeck


Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins


Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas


Councilman James Vincent