

**The Village of Simpson
Regular Council Meeting
July 16, 2018
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

Elaine Martin, Village Clerk conducted the Roll Call.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Zeck, Mayor
Brenda Hawkins, Mayor Pro-Tem
Dianne Thomas, Councilwoman
Mary Moye, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT

Elaine Martin, Village Clerk
Susan Ellsworth, Finance Officer
Keen Lassiter, Village of Simpson Attorney
Citizens, Present

QUORUM PRESENT

Elaine Martin, Village Clerk stated to the Board a quorum was present.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilwomen Brenda Hawkins provided prayer and pledge.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND JULY MINUTES

Mayor Richard Zeck asked the council if they had anything to add to the agenda.
Councilwoman Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the agenda and
Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.
Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the June minutes and
Councilwoman Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.
Councilwoman Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the April Closed Session and
Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.
Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the July Special Meeting and
Councilwoman Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye" the motion was carried.

SPECIAL ADDRESS TO COMMUNITY

The Honorable Mario Perez (District Court Judge) spoke briefly about his life and how he became District Court Judge.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:

Mayor Richard Zeck asked if there were any public comments.

- Hugh Mills spoke briefly about plaques given to former employees.
- Oscar (Jim) Telfaire spoke briefly about getting the ditches on Telfaire Street cleaned out.
- Debbie Skulski spoke briefly about being a Grimesland resident and wishing Grimesland would do some of what Simpson was doing.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke briefly thanking everyone.
- Councilwoman Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone.
- Councilwoman Mary Moyer spoke briefly thanking everyone.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Attorney Keen Lassiter spoke briefly by thanking The Honorable Mario Perez (District Court Judge) for coming to our meeting.

MAYOR REPORTS:

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly about the ditches and the repairs that need to be done. He encourages the public to attend the meetings and bring awareness of any issues to the council.

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly about the road maintenance that needs to be done. He also was just told that afternoon about a sink hole on the corner of Gatlin and Moore Street.

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly about how we have saved thousands of dollars on out dated contracts.

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly about three abandoned homes that now have been condemned and waiting on the building inspector for demolition approval. Two additional houses have been given a 60 day stay to come up with a plan to recover the homes from condemnation.

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly on the new Fire Department contract that has been updated.

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly on maintenance that had to be done at Town Hall. A new hot water heater was installed. New ballasts installed in the hall. They were potential fire hazard.

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly about getting a grant for \$36, 000.00 from Raleigh and has not been received yet.

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly about Pak-R which sold to Waste Industries. At this time we are in transition of getting a new contract with Waste Industries and there may be some changes.

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly about our upcoming audit. As it looks we are going to have about \$6,000.00 surplus.

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly about the budget and meeting minutes are being posted on the website.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Councilwomen Dianne Thomas spoke briefly about our upcoming Community Day on September 15, 2018 from 2-6pm. It is scheduled at the park; unless it rains then it will be moved to Mrs. Emily Corbett's building. There will be food, music, fun games and more.

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly about the animal contract that took effect July 1, 2018. We are charged \$100 per call, even if they don't find the dog. We are asking residents to call town hall if they have an animal that has

the potential to do any safety or physical harm. The town hall will call the county to have them come and remove the animal.

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly about the estimates for getting park lights. They were in the range of \$58,000-\$62,000. Unless we get some grants to cover this, it will be delayed at this time.

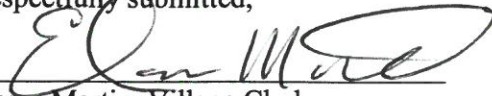
ITEMS FOR MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dianne Thomas to approve not having a council meeting in August 2018. Councilwomen Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

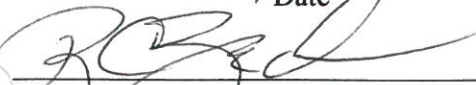
ADJOURNMENT

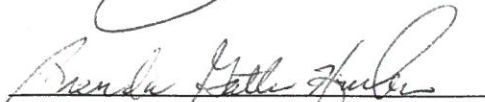
A motion was made by councilwomen Brenda Hawkins to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by councilwomen Dianne Thomas. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

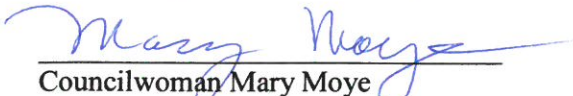

Elaine Martin, Village Clerk

Approved On 9/18/18
Date


Mayor Richard Zeck


Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins


Councilwoman Dianne Thomas


Councilwoman Mary Moye