

# Town of Simmesport

Leslie Draper III, Mayor  
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## Board of Aldermen

Alderman At Large: Jacob Coco

District 1: Ted Turner  
District 3: Myron K. Brown

District 2: Kenneth Marsh  
District 4: Sherman Bell

## February 12, 2018 Special Town Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the special meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Simmesport held at the Simmesport Town Hall on Monday, February 13, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

Presiding: Mayor Leslie Draper III

Members Present: Ted Turner, Myron Brown, Kenneth Marsh, Sherman Bell, Jacob Coco  
Members Absent: none

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Draper and was opened with a prayer given by Alderman Myron Brown followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Alderman Marsh and seconded by Alderman Brown that that the agenda be amended to add the Simmesport VFW. All present voted as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
Alderman Bell	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Brown	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Coco	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Marsh	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Turner	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>

The motion was carried

A motion was made by Alderman Bell and seconded by Alderman Coco accept the minutes from the last meeting. All present voted as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
Alderman Bell	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Brown	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Coco	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Marsh	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Turner	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>

The motion was carried



A motion was made by Alderman Turner and seconded by Alderman Coco to pay the bills.

All present voted as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
Alderman Bell	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Brown	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Coco	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Marsh	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Turner	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>

The motion was carried

The Simmesport VFW donated \$1,000 for the Leo Ehrhardt Central Park. The VFW also wanted to know if an agreement with the town had been drafted regarding the use of the building the VFW currently occupies for its activities and meetings.

A presentation was made by Mr. Russell Beauvais from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers about the permitting process for cleaning out bayous in the city limits. Mr. Beauvais gave names and e-mails addresses to people at the Corps District office to contact who are in charge of the permitting process. He also informed the town that the control screw-gate in the levee above Brushy Bayou is controlled by the Levee Board.

The Mayor and Town attorney gave an update on the R.I.S.E. (Reinvesting In Simmesport's Expansion) organization. This 5013 (c) nonprofit organization would be able to accept donations on to use towards Town of Simmesport improvement projects. The organization is in the final stages of organizing.

A motion was made by Alderman Coco and seconded by Alderman Bell to move the Town of Simmesport use M&J Associates, Inc, a firm that offers online training to keep moving violations from appearing on a person's driving record. All present voted as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
Alderman Bell	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Brown	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Coco	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Marsh	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Turner	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>

The motion was carried

A presentation was made by Mr. Lonnie Bridges for the Louisiana Association of Compulsive Gambling. Mr. Bridges wanted to raise awareness about their free programs for anyone who suffers from compulsive gambling problems.

A motion was made by Alderman Marsh and seconded by Alderman Brown to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. All present voted as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
Alderman Bell	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Brown	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Coco	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Marsh	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Turner	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>

The motion was carried



A motion was made by Alderman Bell and seconded by Alderman Brown to come out of executive session. All present voted as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
Alderman Bell	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Brown	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Coco	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Marsh	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Turner	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>

The motion was carried

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Turner that the meeting be adjourned. All present voted as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
Alderman Bell	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Brown	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Coco	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Marsh	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Turner	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>

The motion was carried

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Leslie Draper III, Mayor

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Dacia Adams, Town Clerk

