

TOWN OF SIMMESPORT

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December 10, 2018 Regular Town Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Simmesport held at the Simmesport Town Hall on Monday December 10, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

Presiding: Mayor Leslie Draper

Members Present: Ted Turner, Myron Brown, Kenneth Marsh, Jacob Coco,

Members Absent: Sherman Bell

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 Coco and seconded by Alderman Marsh that the agenda be approved. All present voted as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST	ABSENT
Alderman Bell	_____	_____	X
Alderman Brown	X	_____	_____
Alderman Coco	X	_____	_____
Alderman Marsh	X	_____	_____
Alderman Turner	X	_____	_____

The motion was carried.

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

	FOR	AGAINST	ABSENT
Alderman Bell	_____	_____	X
Alderman Brown	X	_____	_____
Alderman Coco	X	_____	_____
Alderman Marsh	X	_____	_____
Alderman Turner	X	_____	_____

The motion was carried.

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A motion was made by Alderman Marsh and seconded by Alderman Coco to pay the bills. All present voted as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST	ABSENT
Alderman Bell	_____	_____	X
Alderman Brown	X	_____	_____
Alderman Coco	X	_____	_____
Alderman Marsh	X	_____	_____
Alderman Turner	X	_____	_____

The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Turner and seconded by Alderman Marsh to grant Jacob Coco a permit to move a house into Simmesport. All present voted as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman Bell	_____	_____	X	_____
Alderman Brown	X	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Coco	_____	_____	_____	X
Alderman Marsh	X	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Turner	X	_____	_____	_____

The motion was carried.

Mayor Draper led a discussion about a curfew ordinance needed to update the old ordinance. After Attorney Mary Helen Johnson presented a draft for a proposed curfew ordinance, discussion was held on its content. With suggestions from the Aldermen present, and after discussions with the Mayor and town attorney, it was decided to change the drafted ordinance so that the curfew for all juveniles aged 16 and under be 9 PM on Sundays through Thursdays, and 10 PM on Friday and Saturday. The proposed ordinance also contains provisions for ticketing the parents of any child found violating the curfew ordinance.

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A motion was made by Alderman Coco and seconded by Alderman Brown to hold a public hearing on the Curfew Ordinance on January 13, 2019 for public comment. All present voted as follows:

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

The motion was carried.

A presentation was made by Chad Robinson of S&J Meters about the Kamstrup line of ultrasonic water meters. Mr. Robinson informed the council that these water meters had no moving parts and were very accurate. Various possible financing options were discussed including the USDA grant being worked on by engineering firm Myer&Myer. Mr. Robinson also stated that his meters were warranted for 15 years. There was some discussion before the Council about the minimum usage rate required by the USDA grant and whether or not this would present problems.

Mayor Draper informed the Council and all present that the 2016 – 2017 Annual Audit was still not ready. Further, after speaking with a representative from Kolder Slaven & Co., the Mayor said the completion of the 2016 – 2017 audit would be pushed back to mid-January or the end of January.

Town Superintendent Charles Carter informed the Council that the gearbox on one of the aerators at the sewer treatment plant had broken. The unit would either need to be replaced or repaired. Mr. Carter informed the council that he is attempting to get a second quote for both services.

Dana Smith, in place of Streets Supervisor Kevin Gates, informed the council that they had been repairing potholes. Two more pallets of the Road Rescue asphalt patching had been ordered to repair more potholes.

Chief Damian Jacobs reported that there were 122 calls for service in in the month of November which resulted in 5 misdemeanor arrests and 2 felony arrests.

Attorney Mary Helen Johnson, representing the Johnson Law Firm, told the council and mayor that she was working on agreements between the Town of Simmesport and the Volunteer Fire Department and the Humane Society. She said she would forward those to the Mayor within the week. Also, Ms. Johnson stated that Robert Johnson was working on the annexation plan.

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Alderman Turner wanted to begin digging the ditch parallel to the Pentecostal Church on N. Live Oak as soon as weather permits to improve drainage in the area. Also, he would like to see more potholes filled in the streets in his district.

Alderman Marsh of District 2 also said he had complaints about the shape of Hillside Dr. He also received complaints of some low branches on St. John. St where supposedly the branches damaged the side mirror of a school bus.

Alderman Brown expressed concern over potholes in his district.

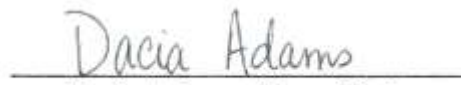
Alderman Coco also asked the streets department to examine Joffrion St and Martin Luther King Dr.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Turner and seconded by Alderman Marsh to adjourn. All present voted as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST	ABSENT
Alderman Bell			X
Alderman Brown	X		
Alderman Coco	X		
Alderman Marsh	X		
Alderman Turner	X		

The motion was carried and the meeting adjourned.


Leslie Draper III, Mayor


Dacia Adams, Town Clerk