

TOWN OF SIMMESPORT

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March 11, 2019 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, January 11, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

Presiding: Mayor Leslie Draper

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

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 Coco and seconded by Alderman Bell 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 Coco and seconded by Alderman Marsh 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.

No one had any issues to present before the council during delegation time.

A motion was made by Alderman Marsh and seconded by Alderman Brown to sign a proclamation supporting the American Cancer Society's Walk for Life in Mansura on March 29, 2019. 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 and Chief Jacobs updated the council on the status of animal control. The mayor told the council that the cages near the sewer plant are easily repaired and ready to hold animals. Chief Jacobs told the council that he is working with the animal control in Pointe Coupee to get someone trained for Simmesport. A motion was made by Alderman Coco and seconded by Alderman Bell to hire someone as animal control officer. 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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Mayor Draper told the council of the A.S.I.S.T. (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) training to be held at the Simmesport Fire Department. The training can hold up 45 people at a time and is a 2-day workshop. A motion was made by Alderman Coco and seconded by Alderman Turner that the Town of Simmesport help to host the A.S.I.S.T. training. 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.

Engineer Jeremy Hebron told the mayor that Meyer & Meyer Engineering firm was working on a needs assessment for the Town and still pursuing the USDA Grants. Mr. Hebron also stated that LCDBG grant applications were due by June. He stressed that the grants were mainly being awarded to water or sewer projects.

Charles Carter reported on the problems with the Port Commission's new water tower. A faulty valve is only allowing the tower to be filled halfway before bleeding water. This is causing the water well pumps to run continuously. Mr. Carter informed the council that he is planning to get with the Port Commission and find a valve that cuts off the new tower from the water mains, since the tower was only supposed to be used in emergencies or if future development occurred at the Port. There was also some discussion over the issue of who actually owns the new tower and two sewer lift stations that are on Port Commission property. Attorney Kirk LaCour said he would look for any agreements the Town of Simmesport had signed with the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission regarding these two areas.

Kevin Gates was out sick.

Fire Chief Dana Smith told the council that the town had no fires in the month of December and the number of emergency calls had decreased.

Chief Damion Jacobs gave his monthly report for service calls and arrests. He also told the council that he would increase patrols in town to thwart the gangs of young people roaming the streets.

Alderman Turner said he had gotten some complaints about people speeding on Orchid St. and wanted to know if a speed bump was feasible. Mayor Draper and the Chief said they would put extra patrols on Orchid St. to quell speeding on that road.

Alderman Marsh of District related the need for repairs of potholes. One especially large pothole was on Riverside near the intersection of North Simms.

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Alderman Brown asked that the workers continue to fill potholes.

Alderman Coco informed the council that he was waiting on a return call from Kansas City Southern railroad about the possibility of removing the concrete barricade under the trestle at the intersection of Ehrhardt St. and Hillside 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