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October 6, 2025 Special Town Meeting Minutes

Minutes of a special meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Simmesport held at the Simmesport Town Hall on Monday, October 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Presiding: Mayor Ted Turner

Council Members Present: Glenn Gautreaux, Patrick Wright, Alvin Dauzat, Charles Dupar, Sherman Bell

Council Members Absent:

Town Attorney: **Kirk LaCour (absent)**

Town Clerk: Gwen Barr

Fiscal Administrator: **absent**

AGENDA ITEM 1,2,3: CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ted Turner called the meeting to order and Alderman Bell gave the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Gautreaux and seconded by Alderman Wright to approve the agenda. All present voted as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman Bell	X			
Alderman Gautreaux	X			
Alderman Dauzat	X			
Alderman Dupar	X			
Alderman Wright	X			

The motion was passed.

AGENDA ITEM 5: RESOLUTION 2025-10-001: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LGAP) FOR SEWER PUMPS

Alderman Bell asked if we had the money. Town Clerk Gwen Barr informed the council that this resolution is for us to get the \$25,000 in emergency funding which has already been approved by the governor. Alderman Gautreaux asked if the money would covered the entire cost. Ms. Barr said the bid was just over \$20,000 but we asked for \$25,000 in case unforeseen obstacles came to light.

A motion was made by Councilman Dupar and seconded by Councilman Dauzat to pass Resolution 2025-10-001, a resolution in support of Simmesport's application to the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP). All present voted as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman Bell	X			
Alderman Gautreaux	X			
Alderman Dauzat	X			
Alderman Dupar	X			
Alderman Wright	X			

The motion was passed and the minutes accepted.

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AGENDA ITEM 6: HIRING OF OFFICER TAI COUTEE

Mayor Turner introduced a new officer to the Council. Officer Tai Coutee has worked with the Town of Simmesport before. Nicole Bonnette spoke in favor of hiring officer Coutee saying his reports were superb and the students and faculty of Riverside Elementary School loved him. Alderman Bell said that background checks and resumes should be presented to the Council before hiring. There was also much discussion about getting POST certification and the time it takes for officers to obtain their POST certification.

ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman Bell	X			
Alderman Gautreaux	X			
Alderwoman Kennedy	X			
Alderman Turner	X			
Alderman Wright	X			

The motion was carried, and the meeting was adjourned.

Ted Turner
Mayor

Gwen Barr
Town Clerk