

TOWN OF SIMMESPORT

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June 10, 2026 Regular Town Meeting Minutes

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Simmesport held at the Simmesport Town Hall on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor: Ted Turner

Presiding: Ted Turner

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

Council Members Absent:

Town Attorney: Kirk LaCour

Town Clerk: Gwen Barr

Fiscal Administrator: Joel Robideaux

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: PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

AGENDA ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Bell and seconded by Alderman Dauzat 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 6: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Alderman Bell and seconded by Alderman Wright to accept the minutes for the April Council meeting. 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 7: PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Councilman Bell and seconded by Councilman Wright to pay the bills. 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 8: ORDINANCE NO. 05-2026-01: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF SIMMESPORT, LOUISIANA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

A motion was made by Councilman Dauzat and seconded by Councilman Wright to adopt the resolution introduce Ordinance 05-2026-01, the Budget for Fiscal Year 206-2027. 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 9: DEPARTMENT UPDATES

FISCAL ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE:

A. FISCAL ADMINISTRATOR – Joel Robideaux

Administrator Robideaux asked everyone to take a look at the budget so they can be clear on what it contains. He explained the revenues and the expenses projected for each of the departments. He pointed out that the Police Department will have to share monies from the water and sewer and gas departments. If the budget is followed there should be approximately \$117,000 left over.

B. UTILITY DEPARTMENT STREETS- Dana Smith

Maintenance Supervisor Dana Smith the crew was cutting grass and trying to stay ahead of the rain. The water tower on Live Oak was drained and inspected and cleaned. All tests were passed and the water tower is back in service. Mr. Smith asked the Council for canopies for the lawnmowers. Mr. Robideaux asked him to get some prices. Mr. Smith said he researched prices and found some canopies for \$150 per canopy. He also said the Yellow Bayou Park is still too wet to cut. Mr. Smith said we signed an agreement with DOTD to get some excess asphalt but they don't know what happened. Mr. Robideaux asked to reach out to DOTD to see where that asphalt was. Mr. Robideaux also asked to speak to Police Jury representative Jacob Coco to see if we could get some potholes patched through Road District 2. Alderman Wright asked if they found all the pieces to the culvert cleaner. Mr. Smith said no, they only found pieces.

C. SEWER DEPARTMENT

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D. ENGINEERS: DELTA ENGINEERING

A representative from Delta Engineering was not present.

E. FIRE DEPARTMENT

No representative from the Fire Department was present.

F. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Jacobs told the Council there 115 calls for service and they collected \$6,254 in fines with some of that being past due tickets where collection letters were sent out. Chief Jacobs told the Council that because of the excessive number of public fights, his officers were no long issuing citations for town court, but arresting the participants and booking them into the Sheriff's Office jail in Marksville.

G. TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk Gwen Barr said the tractor was now paid off. MPERS payments are being sent and by the time we send the June payment we will be down to \$1,200. The attorney's fees for the lawsuits have a balance of \$3,455. The Louisiana Municipal Gas Authority balance is \$179,960. There is still another bill from the Department of Health for safe drinking water of approximately \$65,000. This is the \$1,00 charge added to everyone's bill. Town Clerk Barr explained that when the LA Dept. of Health sends the bill they take our number of customers and multiply by 3 to get the amount we owe them. And for some reason, LDH has us with about 100 more customers than we actually have. The Louisiana Department Conservation and Natural Resources sent us an invoice for pipeline fees for 2021,2022,2023and 2024 for \$2,415. This will be paid out. Ms. Barr also said the Town has switched internet service providers from Lumen to Direct Communications which will save us \$1,497 per month which is a yearly savings of \$17,964.

H. TOWN ATTORNEY

Attorney LaCour said court was going well and there were no new lawsuits. Alderman Dupar asked about what we needed to begin renting the Senior Center again. Attorney LaCour advised that he needed the details of the contract and what the Council wanted in the way of deposits.

ITEM 11: ALDERMAN REPORTS

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| A. District 1: Glenn Gautreaux | Alderman Gautreaux said he had no issues to report. |
| B. District 2: Alvin Dauzat | Alderman Dauzat asked about the John Deere tractor in the back. He asked that instead of selling it, we could perhaps install a tank to spray herbicide. |
| C. District 3: Charles Dupar | Alderman Dupar said he had no issues. |
| D. District 4: Sherman Bell | Alderman Bell had no issues. |
| E. District 5: Patrick Wright | Alderman Wright had no issues. |

ITEM 12: 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

Gwen Barr

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