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June 29, 2026 Special 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 Monday, June 29, 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: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Dupar 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: PUBLIC COMMENTS

A citizen asked what was going to happen at the meeting because she needed help.

AGENDA ITEM 6: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were presented.

AGENDA ITEM 7: UPDATE ON RELIEF EFFORTS

The council decided to move to agenda item 8 to let the volunteer relief crews give out information.

AGENDA ITEM 8: INTRODUCTION OF VOLUNTEER RELIEF CREWS

Karen Couvough with the Church of Christ Disaster Response Team, a national organization based in Ohio spoke first. She is the coordinator for the organization. They work with cities and towns to provide relief after disasters. She thanked Anita Mayeaux for working to provide accommodations at the old Y Not Stop. They ask for volunteers to help them provide demolition and demolding services for damaged homes and buildings. They do supply materials for rebuilds when they can get them and the help to rebuild largely depends on volunteer resources. They would require those people who need help to fill out an application. She complimented the Town of Simmesport on getting the word out via the Town website and X account. She

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suggested that people use bleach mixed with water to kill mold by mixing a cup of bleach to a gallon of water. Mrs. Karen also asked for bottled water if it was available and the Council assured her the Town would bring them bottled water. She also warned against giving deposits to anyone offering to rebuild. She also complimented the Town Council on starting the meeting with a prayer. Karen also suggested that if FEMA denies anyone aid then offers a small business loan to apply for the loan. If you get approved for the loan you can decline it, but if you get denied the loan, go back to FEMA and tell them you were denied normal aid and the loan and they may reconsider.

Anita Mayeaux also told the Council there was another muck and gut crew called the Plain Compassion Crisis Response Team who were also doing volunteer work. Ron Hershberger, from Pennsylvania, said they were an international organization here to help. He said they needed work and wants anyone who needed help to call the phone number posted on the Town website. Ron said that they will only do what the homeowner wants and they can only recommend. He also said they are all volunteers and they only help to gut and move furniture but they do not remodel. The applications for PCCRT are at the Town Hall and are posted on the Town of Simmesport website. They are being housed at the events center on the side of the Piggly Wiggly. Ron said they only work after speaking with the homeowner to be sure what they want done.

Anita Mayeaux then introduced Mr. Todd Taylor from Mercy Chefs. Mercy Chefs is an organization that provides meals for people in disasters. Mr. Taylor told those assembled the organization is based out of Virginia. Mercy Chefs is a Christian organization that provides hot meals to anyone affected by the storm. They work directly with the State of Louisiana to provide food during emergency situations. They are set up at Christ the King Catholic Church and will provide two meals per day for anyone who wants them. They have a website at mercychef.com if anyone wants to find out more, volunteer, or donate to the organization.

Mr. Brett Bordelon, a Simmesport citizen thanks Police Chief Damion Jacobs for his help in distributing supplies and for being present and visible. He also thanked Anita Mayeaux for her efforts in getting relief supplies. Mr. Bordelon said that he was disappointed in the elected officials' response because they are in charge of contacting parish and state officials. Mr. Bordelon asked that if an elected official ran for office only to attend meetings, he would ask they resign.

A citizen asked about debris pickup. Town Clerk Gwen Barr said that the Police Jury has been picking up debris and has an agreement with St. Landry Parish for disposal.

ITEM 9: 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