

Town of Simmesport
Leslie Draper III, Mayor
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Board of Aldermen

Alderman At Large: Jacob Coco

District 1: Ted Turner
 District 3: Myron K. Brown

District 2: Kenneth Marsh
 District 4: Sherman Bell

August 13, 2018 Regular Town Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the special meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Simmesport held at the Simmesport Town Hall on Monday, August 13, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

Presiding: Mayor Leslie Draper III

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

Members Absent: Kenneth Marsh

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Draper and was opened with a prayer given by Alderman Sherman Bell followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Alderman Bell and seconded by Alderman Coco that that the agenda be approved. All present voted as follows:

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

The motion was carried

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

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

The motion was carried.



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

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

The motion was carried

A presentation was made by a representative of the company Road Rescue. The company sells a product to repair potholes. A demonstration was performed before the meeting for Mayor Draper where several potholes were filled with the product. Road Rescue is a permanent repair solution that can be put down in wet potholes and comes in 50-pound bags so that only one worker is needed to make the pothole repairs. A motion was made by Alderman Coco and seconded by Alderman Turner to place an order for one palate of the Road Rescue material. All present voted as follows:

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

The motion was carried

A motion was made by Alderman Coco and seconded by Alderman Turner to hold a public hearing on the amended Ordinances 05-2018-01, 05-2018-02, 05-2018-03, 05-2018-04, 05-2018-05, 05-2018-06 on September 10, 2018 at 5:30 PM. All present voted as follows:

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

The motion was carried



Engineer Jeremy Henson told the council that the engineering firm was going ahead to apply for the USDA grant to do an engineering study on the town to asses needs. This study would be used to apply for a larger grant from the USDA for whatever project the study shows the town needs.

Mr. Charles Carter reported that the sewer treatment plant was working at 70%. He outlined plans to spend more time there so that we will have 100% capacity.

The Compliance officer, Cecil Whitmore, outlined the meeting with Town Magistrate Kirk Lacour. The process for the compliance officer will entail an investigation of a violation of the town ordinances by the compliance officer. The case would then be turned over to the Simmesport Police Department for the issuance of a ticket to the person violating the ordinance/s. The person will then have to appear before the town magistrate.

A new part-time police officer, Shelitha Bowie, was introduced to the council for employment. Ms. Bowie has pervious experience, is POST council certified, and currently works with the Pointe Coupee Sheriff's Office.

Town attorney from the Johnson Law Firm was absent.

Alderman Bell led discussions of the replacement of existing and missing street signs around town. Many of the streets have no signs, and many of those that do are difficult to read. Alderman Coco, who is also Fire Chief, stated that this creates a problem when trying to find houses on an emergency call. Mayor Draper stated that he would inventory what signs the town had at the warehouse and research the cost of ordering new street signs.

Alderman Bell, who is the police commissioner, brought to the council the possibility of buying new uniforms for the police department. All agreed that having proper uniforms would be better, especially when officers were required to testify in court.

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

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

The motion was carried.

Leslie Draper III, Mayor

Dacia Adams, Town Clerk

