

TOWN OF SIMMESPORT

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February 25, 2019 Special 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, February 25, 2019, at 5:30 PM.

Presiding: Mayor Leslie Draper

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

Members Absent: None

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 Marsh and seconded by Alderman Coco that the agenda approved as is. 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.

Mayor Draper and Councilman Marsh gave an update on the planned health clinic in the Old Dunbar school. Mayor Draper stated that the section on the south end of the building would be developed into a health clinic. Alderman Marsh also said that the people in charge of the planned clinic noted that the population in and around Simmesport, including across the river in Point Coupee parish, justified putting a health clinic in Simmesport. Mayor Draper also noted that the administrators of the clinic would like the razor wire removed to make the surroundings more hospitable.

Mayor Draper also began a discussion with the council about removal of the barricade under the train trestle at the end of Ehrhardt St. Currently the walkway is closed and blocked by a concrete lane divider. Alderman Marsh also stated that with the decrease in population of the trailer park on Main St., there was far less foot traffic under the trestle. However, the Mayor said he noticed that many of the children who attend Riverside Elementary and live on Main St. walk home by going under the trestle. Mayor Draper also said there is a trail up and around the barricade the children use to bypass it. Alderman Bell and Coco agreed with the rest of the council that no decision should be made until the council members had a chance to look at the site. The Mayor also informed the council that Alderman Coco had engaged Kansas City Southern Railroad in preliminary discussions about the possibility of removing the dirt mound at the trestle over Norwood and Main St.

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Town Clerk Dacia informed the board that the auditing firm had completed the 2016-2017 audit and it was submitted to the second set of auditors for approval. She also relayed that the 2017-2018 audit was proceeding at a much faster pace than the 2016-2017 audit.

Mayor Draper also informed the Council of the hire of a Brandon Perry, a new police officer.

A motion was made by Alderman Coco and seconded by Alderman Bell to pass Resolution 02-2018-01 which would appoint Kirk LaCour to the Town Attorney position. 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.

A motion was made by Alderman Coco and seconded by Alderman Marsh to pass resolution 02-2019-02, which would allow the Town Attorney, Kirk LaCour, access all information pertaining to the bank account called the Crisis Response account. 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.

A motion was made by Alderman Bell and seconded by Alderman Turner to pass resolution 02-2019-03, which would allow the Town Attorney, Kirk LaCour, access all information pertaining to the bank account called the Simmesport Athletic Youth Association (SAYA) account. 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.

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A motion was made by Alderman Coco and seconded by Alderman Turner to pass resolution 02-2019-04, which would allow the Town Attorney, Kirk LaCour, access all information pertaining to the bank account called the Simmesport Sports Club account. All present voted as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman Bell	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Alderman Brown	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Alderman Coco	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Alderman Marsh	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Alderman Turner	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The motion was carried.

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

	FOR	AGAINST	ABSENT
Alderman Bell	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Alderman Brown	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Alderman Coco	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Alderman Marsh	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Alderman Turner	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The motion was carried and the meeting adjourned.

Leslie Draper, III
Mayor

Dacia Adams
Town Clerk