

# TOWN OF SIMMESPORT

MAYOR LESLIE DRAPER III

DISTRICT I DISTRICT II  
TED TURNER KENNETH



MARSH

DISTRICT III DISTRICT IV  
MYRON K. BROWN SHERMAN

BELL

ALDERMAN AT LARGE  
JACOB COCO

## September 25, 2019 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, September 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 Myron Brown followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

	YES	NO	ABSENT/ABSTAIN
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.

Mayor Draper discussed an agreement with the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission on the use of the athletic fields on the Port Commission grounds. Mayor Draper went over a copy of the agreement with the council. After discussion, the council and the mayor decided that the agreement needed to clarify the actual parcel number of the land the Town of Simmesport is to control and maintain. According to the Avoyelles Parish Assessor's website, the parcel number is 0201416100A. The council agreed that Mayor can secure the agreement.

A motion was made by Alderman Marsh and seconded by Alderman Brown to pass Resolution number 09-2019-04, giving Mayor Draper the authority to negotiate and finalize the agreement with the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission for use of the athletic fields on the Port Commission property. All present voted as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT/ABSTAIN
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 resolution passed.

Mayor Draper informed the Council that he was working on an agreement with the Town Attorney for the Simmesport Fire Department’s use of Town of Simmesport property for the fire station. Mayor Draper commended the Fire Department for the excellent work they do in helping and protecting the community. Mayor Draper also related to the council that the agreement would automatically renew every year. Councilman Turner and Councilman Marsh said one of their concerns would be if another administration were elected to office, that provisions be put in document so that the agreement could not be terminated on the Mayor’s authority alone. All agreed this was a prudent idea. Mayor Draper also told the council that he was working with the Town attorney as to how to specify the plot of land for use by the fire department since the Assessor’s Office had the land in use as one parcel with Ehrhardt Park.

A motion was made by Alderman Bell and seconded by Alderman Coco to pass resolution number 09-2019-01 which would give the Mayor authority to negotiate and finalize the agreement with the Simmesport Volunteer Fire Department for use of Town of Simmesport property for the fire station. All present voted as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT/ABSTAIN
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 resolution passed.

Mayor Draper also informed the council that a memorandum of understanding was being worked out with the Simmesport VFW for their use of the Town of Simmesport building at 509 Norwood Dr.

A motion was made by Alderman Bell and seconded by Alderman Coco to pass resolution number 09-2019-02 which would give the Mayor authority to negotiate and finalize the agreement with the Simmesport VFW for use of Town of Simmesport building and property at 509 Norwood Dr. All present voted as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT/ABSTAIN
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 resolution passed.

Mayor Draper informed the council that that a memorandum of understanding would be crafted for letting the organization Reinvesting in Simmesport's Expansion (*also known as R.I.S.E.*) use the Town of Simmesport building at 526 Ehrhardt St. This building was last used by Century Telephone.

A motion was made by Alderman Coco and seconded by Alderman Marsh to pass resolution number 09-2019-03 which would give the Mayor authority to negotiate and finalize the agreement with organization Reinvesting in Simmesport's Expansion (*also known as R.I.S.E.*) use the Town of Simmesport building at 526 Ehrhardt St. All present voted as follows:

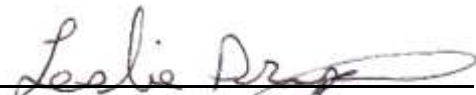
	YES	NO	ABSENT/ABSTAIN
Alderman Bell	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Brown	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Coco	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Marsh	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Alderman Turner	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>


The motion was carried and the resolution passed.

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

	YES	NO	ABSENT/ABSTAIN
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.

  
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 Mayor Leslie Draper, III

  
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 Town Clerk Dacia Adams