

# TOWN OF SIMMESPORT

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## December 13, 2021 Regular 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, December 13, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. *\*This meeting was live-streamed via the Town of Simmesport's Facebook page.*

Presiding: Mayor Leslie Draper

Members Present:, Sherman Bell, Tiesha Kennedy, Patrick Wright

Members Absent: Romaro Turner, Glenn Gautreaux

Town Attorney: Present

Town Clerk: Present

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Draper with Alderman Sherman Bell giving the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### AGENDA ITEM 4

A motion was made by Alderman Bell and seconded by Alderman Wright that the agenda be accepted. 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

### AGENDA ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Alderwoman Kennedy and seconded by Alderman Wright to accept the minutes of the prior meeting. 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.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: PAYMENT OF BILLS**

A motion was made by Alderman Bell and seconded by Alderman Wright to approve payment of the November 2021 bills. 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.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**TOWN ENGINEER**

Marcelin Joseph, our new rep from Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixon, Inc engineering was not present. Mayor Draper reported that he and Mr. Charles Carter met with Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixon, Inc engineering and had a very productive meeting about future projects.

**SEWER & WATER**

Mr. Charles Carter, Maintenance Supervisor, told the Council that the sewer lift stations needed work. Mr. Carter said that new regulations from the State require two pumps per lift station. He also said that controls would be installed on water well number 2 that would automatically switch it on should pump number 1 go down. Mr. Carter also said there was a leaking chlorinator had to be repaired.

**STREETS & DRAINAGE**

Town Maintenance worker Dana Smith said that grass growth has slowed. He told those assembled that they were going to cut at the port property. All of the equipment is functioning and ready.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief Dana Smith told the Council that fire department would be going around town Saturday with Santa on board. Chief Smith said he would like everyone to stay safe this holiday season.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Daniel Firmin told the Council that a total of 26 tickets were written resulting in six arrests. Officer Jamshad Fayyaz finished the police academy in Baton Rouge and was given an award for his diligence and work ethic. Officer John Claiborne responded to a call of an individual unconscious and unresponsive. Officer Claiborne administered CPR on the individual and got the person back and breathing again before Acadian Ambulance arrived. Chief Firmin and the Council commended Officer Claiborne for his quickness and persistence in saving a life.

**TOWN CLERK**

Town Clerk Dacia Adams told the council that she was busy on closing out the year for 2021. Property tax notices were mailed out and the Clerk’s office is working with the auditors to finish the 2019-2020 audit.

**TOWN ATTORNEY/MAGISTRATE**

Attorney LaCour said that there were no new developments on the lawsuit front. He said that court would be held between Christmas and New Year.

**AGENDA ITEM 9: COUNCIL REPORT**

**District 1 Report**

Alderman Glenn Gautreaux was absent.

**District 2 Report**

Alderwoman Kennedy said she had nothing to report.

**District 3 Report**

Alderman Wright said he had nothing to report.

**District 4 Report**

Alderman Sherman Bell had no issues to report.

**Alderman at Large**

Alderman at large Romaro Turner was absent.

**AGENDA ITEM 12: DELEGATION TIME**

No citizens had any comments or issues.


**AGENDA ITEM 13: ADJOURN**

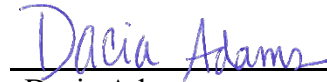
A motion was made by Alderman Bell and seconded by Alderman Kennedy to adjourn. All present voted as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT/ABSTAIN
Alderman Bell	X		
Alderman Gautreaux			X
Alderwoman Kennedy	X		
Alderman Turner			X
Alderman Wright	X		

The motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

  
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 Leslie Draper, III  
 Mayor

  
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 Dacia Adams  
 Town Clerk