

Minutes
Town of Yemassee Town Council
April 12, 2022, Regular Town Council Meeting 6:30 PM
101 Town Cir, Yemassee, SC 29945

Attendance:

Present: Mayor Colin Moore, Mayor Pro-Tem Peggy O'Banner and Council Member Alfred Washington, Council Member Stacy Pinckney, Council Member David Paul Murray and Verlynda Singleton

Absent: Town Clerk Matthew Garnes

Media Present: Lowcountry Inside Track, Ltd.

Call to Order:

Mayor Moore called the Tuesday April 12, 2022, Town Council Meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

Council Member Murray led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Determination of Quorum:

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented for April 12, 2022, Town Council Meeting as presented. Council Member Pinckney made the motion. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member Murray. **All in favor, Motion Passed, Agenda Adopted.**

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve the March 8, 2022, Town Council Meeting minutes as presented. Mayor Pro Tem O'Banner made the motion, second by Council Member Washington. **All in favor, Motion Passed. Minutes approved**

Old Business

Mayor Moore read proposed Ordinance 22-10, Consideration of an Ordinance Approving Annexation of One Parcel of land, totaling 0.89 Acres, located at 133 Thomas Street , Hampton County TMS: 198-00-00-071. This ordinance is being reviewed for second reading. The applicant is Jade Cole, the property owner that purchased the home in the fourth quarter of 2021. The home is on Thomas Street and is one of the last "donut holes" on Thomas Street. Under the Hampton County Development Ordinance, the parcel is zoned "General Development". Under the Town of Yemassee Zoning

Ordinance, the applicant is seeking zoning of General Residential (GR) which coincides with the zoning of the annexed parcels on Thomas Street. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve final reading. Mayor Pro-Tem O'Banner made the motion to approve. Second by Council Member Washington. **All in favor, Motion Passed.**

New Business

Mayor Moore read proposed Ordinance 22-11, Consideration of an Ordinance Approving Annexation of Three Parcels of land, totaling 6.20 Acres, located at 862, 864 and 870 Old Sheldon Church Rd, Seabrook, Beaufort County TMS: R700 013 000 0028D 0000, R700 013 000 028C 0000 & R700 013 000 0028 0000. This ordinance is being reviewed for first reading. The applicant is Mary Fitzpatrick-Jones, the property owner that owns the three parcels. One lot is occupied by a single-family dwelling while the others are undeveloped. The properties are contiguous via Tomotley Plantation to the south, which was annexed in February 2021. Under the Beaufort County Community Development Code, the parcels are zoned T2R. The applicant is seeking zoning of Agricultural (AG) which encourage very low density residential and preserve the properties abutting the Huspah Creek Watershed. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve final reading. Mayor Pro-Tem O'Banner made the motion to approve. Second by Council Member Pinckney. **All in favor, Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore read Resolution 22-05, Affirming the Commitment of the Town of Yemassee for fair housing month 2022. Mayor Moore advised every year we must do this for grant purposes. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to adopt the resolution. Motion by Council Member Murray. Second by Council Member Washington. **All in favor, Resolution Adopted.**

Mayor Moore read Resolution 22-06, Appointing five individuals to the Town of Yemassee Zoning Board, Pursuant to the Requirements Outlined in within the South Carolina Code of Laws, Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994. Mayor Moore stated we needed a zoning board and have needed it for a while. The Town has received applications and has recommended a representative from each zone as well as an at-large. The recommendations are; Joe Riley for Zone A, Ethel Denmark for Zone B, Sharon Mansell for Zone C, Adonis Riley for Zone D and Jay Holloway as an At-large member. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to adopt resolution and subsequently appointing the above-mentioned members. Mayor Pro-Tem O'Banner made the motion to adopt the resolution. Second by Council Member Washington. **All in favor, Resolution Adopted.**

Department Reports:

Police Department – Chief Alexander advised he purchased a speed trailer and has placed it on Salkehatchie Road in front of 169 Salkehatchie.

Administration – No Report

Public Works – No Report

Municipal Court – No Report

Public Comment:

Camille Welch – Ms. Welch is a candidate for Hampton County Council and announced a community field day on May 14, 2022, from 10:00AM – 3:00PM.

Collins Lane, 58 Church Street N – Expressed his appreciation for working on the shooting range issue. We will work to address the issues and show you the facility anytime.

James Fennell, Davidson Tower Rd – Expressed concern about the Shooting Range and asked Town Council to close the shooting range. He stated the community is in danger with the ongoing operation of the shooting range.

Ben Fennell, 386 Tullifinny Rd – Continued concerns about the shooting range. Mr. Ben Fennell said the shooting range operations resulted in a bullet hitting a child's hair. Requesting the Council to shut it down.

Ronald Winn, Hampton County – Echoed the concerns of the previous comments about the shooting range and asked the Town Council to “silence it”

Executive Session:

Mayor Moore requested a motion to enter executive session. Council Member Pinckney made the motion. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor. Executive session began at 7:04PM

Mayor Moore requested a motion to conclude executive session. Mayor Pro-Tem O'Banner made the motion. Second by Council Member Murray. All in favor. Executive session ended at 8:55PM

Adjournment

Mayor Moore asked for motion to adjourn. Council Member Murray made the motion to adjourn. Second by Council Member Pinckney. All in favor, **Meeting Adjourned at 9:02PM**