

Town of Yemassee Council Meeting
August 13, 2013
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Goodwin, Council Member Moore, Searson, Moore, Hagan, and Clerk Josie Roberts.

ABSENT: Council Member O'Banner.

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Goodwin.

ACTION ON MINUTES FROM JULY 9, 2013: Motion to accept minutes as written by Council Member Hagan second by Council Member Moore. All were in favor.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Mayor Goodwin and Entire Town Government were present except Council Member O'Banner was absent.

DETERMINATION OF NOTICE OF PRESS: Press has been notified by newspaper and by radio.

BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT JULY 5, 2013 PERMIT: Doug Mixson is not with us today. For the month of July there were five permits. 1) Permit for a mobile home. 2) Electrical Upgrade. 3) Handicap Restroom. 4) Renovations for Vera Flower's House. 5) Metal Roof installed for Betty Herndon.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR JULY 2013 CHIEF JACK HAGAY:

Chief Hagay stated we had a pretty active month in July. We had a home invasion at the Mayors House; we had burglary at the Gatches house no one was home; we had a couple of attempted ones that took screws off of Mrs. Hagan windows and also tried to get into Steve Harmon's residence they did not succeed. Since that time there have been over 20 people interviewed, two been polygraph. We got Hampton County working with us. Sled is assisting us with the investigation. We got evidence up at the sled headquarters of finger prints, DNA and steel wounds. That's where we're at with all that. Jasper County Friday morning had a suspect that they got in a chase with, he wrecked. We went and interviewed him, but he's one of those street smart guys' he's not talking.

Getting, ready now for the Shrimp Festival next month, working on getting letters out so we can have some assistants.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT CHIEF ALFRED WASHINGTON: Fire Chief Alfred Washington said the numbers of fires have gone up for the month of July. Structured fires in town, one out of town, we had 19 calls for the whole month of July.

PROJECT WITH HOME DEPOT: Trying to do a project with Home Depot. They want to do a project in Yemassee; they want the fire department to do it. We've picked a location to do it. We have to get with the highway department to make sure it's the right location to do the project. They want to give us almost \$10,000 to do this project to plant

strawberry trees. They also looked at the senior citizen building, the school and, the interstate, and highway to do this project.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT BUTCH ALSING : Recreation department report will be next month.

YEMASSEE REVITALIZATION PROGRAM UPDATE EMILY RATTCLIFF:

John Tarkney came down today who is doing the Marine Core memorial at the barracks sight. We wanted to figure out where we had to go next, how large the memorial will look at the barracks sight. If you go down there right now you will see the spray paint on the ground of where it is. We look at the space you guys will obviously have to approve this. But it looks like the best space for the memorial to go will be on the right had side where you walk up where the stairs are. It might be nicer and better looking if we highlight the flag pole and have the memorial there instead. The next thing we'll get it leveled. We'll order the bricks, sand and gravel once it's leveled. Once you guys see where it's placed at the barracks sight improve it we'll go forth with that.

Y.R. C. PETITION: The Y.R..C.started a depot petition .YRC. Feels as though the depot will be a perfect place for the new post office. The postal service is looking at other options. 1) USMC Memorial Garden and Monument: John Tarkany was in Yemassee today mapping out the phases of the memorial garden at the barracks site as there will be benches surrounding the monument. The flag poles will remain where they are and John Tarkany and the YRC will workout some plantings that would be able to enhance the flagpoles and we will set up a marker, describing the importance of the original flag pole.

2) Depot Petition: The YRC has begun a physical and online petition to bring the Yemassee post office to the Yemassee Train Depot. If the Postal Service agrees that the depot is the optimum spot for new post office, then the entire community will be able to use the depot on a daily basis. There will still be room inside the depot for an additional business and an Amtrak waiting room.

At this point the YRC has more that 200 signatures from people that are in favor of the depot housing the post office. Each person that signs the petition online will have their vote in favor of the depot directly sent to the YRC's contact with Senator Lyndsey Graham's office, the US Postal Service and the Town of Yemassee.

If any one would like to send a letter to these entities but is unable to write a letter or go online to sign online, Emily will be a Fletcher's Finds from 11am-3pm on Thursday to help anyone that is interested in having a their voice heard on this issue. Emily will have the online petition up and open from 11 to 3p.m. and will help people with online signing process.

MOBILE HOME US POSTAL SERVICE: Tomorrow mobile unit arrives you will be able to pick up your stamps, and mail. In the past we came under Jacksonville jurisdiction. One month ago we were pulled from Jacksonville and placed in Columbia.. Post office will operate same hours as other post office. They will not offer credit card

service right away because they have to have internet service to do that. If you go down to purchase something you will need cash. Mail boxes have been ordered. The lease on current post office runs out the end of September.

SECOND READING OF OUTDOOR BURNING ORDINANCE: When we met last time we talked about the ordinance. We talked the fires will have to be 75ft, we talked about then that it might be too far. A lot of people don't have 75 ft to start with. So tonight what we have to do is determine what we want the final footage to be then we go for final reading on the ordinance. Council Member Hagan said 50ft from the home. Council Member Moore said he agrees with this. Council Member Searson said a lot of these houses don't have 50ft. Council Member Moore said he don't see how this is going to work. Max distance from dwelling yard debris only, 50ft or property line. Not 50ft use max distant which will be property line. They must call and notify us. Mayor said, we enforce town ordinance. Jimmy said you all pass the smoking ordinance now you're wish washing with the burning ordinance being sticky on business. To me it shouldn't be no burning in town. 25ft from the near dwelling from your property line. Motion to approve 25ft from near dwelling. Mayor said, Alfred get distant on setback from state without an ordinance you can burn 5ft trying to control not stop. Find out distance between the houses if you don't have 50ft use the maximum distance from the property line need to manage it with their water hose. You can only burn yard debris not trash. we enforce town ordinances not the state. We'll get back into it tomorrow evening at the council meeting. Jimmy Glass said having a problem with waste on Cameron, no chlorine in the water. Mayor said call in tomorrow and we will address this problem. He will follow-up on it tomorrow said the mayor. Council Member Searson motion to table until tomorrow second Moore. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned by Council Member Searson second by Council Member Hagan. All were in favor.