

**Town of Yemassee Special Council Meeting**  
**August 14, 2013**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Goodwin, Council Member Moore, O'Banner, Searson, Hagan, and Clerk Josie Roberts.

**INVOCATION:** Invocation was given by Rev. Don Helm.

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Mayor Goodwin and Entire Town Government were present.

**DETERMINATION OF NOTICE OF PRESS:** Notified

**BUDGET:** Start September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014.

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING:** This special council meeting for the Town of Yemassee is in session upon this meeting today is to address a burning regulation, appoint an individual to a committee and to have first reading on the budget for the year. This being a special meeting we will dispense with any other reading of the minutes we are going right into business.

**YEMASSEE OPEN BURNING ORDINANCE:** We fought through this thing yesterday last night I thought we were going to have to go home and come back and get a blanket and sleep in. what it boils down into this is based on the states regulation. Good bit of it is the states regulation. What we're basic concerned with is the regulation on open burning says chapter two that deals with burning leaves, twigs, grass and all that stuff in your yard and around your house. We've spent hours fighting around rather we should be 75ft away or 30ft away from all through buildings, now we know that all these buildings are not uniformed they are not lined up out there where everybody 30ft, or 60ft, or 90ft, but everybody setting in a house and on property, if they have property they are responsible for. So the regulation will be built around that you are responsible for a fire if you are burned. Not how far you are from this or that, because if its gets away from you it's your baby. If you follow the part in there about being prepared to take care it with your water hose or what you need there to take care of, you're not going to have a problem with that. We'll have it in there that you need to notify the town when you are going to be burning, they will let you know if you should or shouldn't burn that day. We're not going to tolerate heavy black smoke, must burn dry material and burn between 9a.m. and 3 p.m. Clearing land for building is a different set of regulations all together that will follow stricter longer DHEC and State regulations. Want to take a little more time and read through it ask questions it's the same one we had with the exception of distances that we work with and we're going to notify the town hall. We already had 1<sup>st</sup> reading on this ordinance this will serve as our 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

**QUESTION:** Question on section two of three on calling the twenty-five sixty five number is there documentation kept?

**ANSWER TO QUESTION:** There should be a log. For weekends there 1 is a number that you can call and still be logged in. We may have to rotate on taking these calls. You call dispatch they will be there 24/7.

**ACTION ON MINUTES FROM AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>:** Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading by Council Member O'Banner and second by Council Member Hagan, All were in favor.

**NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Council Member O'Banner and second by Council Member Hagan. All were in favor.