

Town of Yemassee Town Council Meeting
August 14th, 2018
6:30 P.M.

The Town of Yemassee Council held its regularly scheduled monthly Town Council meeting on Tuesday August 14th, 2018 at 6:30 at the Municipal Complex, in Yemassee, South Carolina. Present: Council Member(s) – Mayor Colin Moore, Council Members: Chuck Simmons, Peggy O’Banner, Alfred Washington. Staff present: Town Clerk Matthew Garnes. Absent: Michelle Hagan

Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:

- 1.1 Invocation was given by Pastor Witter
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance was given by Council Member O’Banner

Determination of Quorum: Council Member(s) Simmons, O’Banner & Washington were present. Councilmember Hagan was absent.

Adoption of Agenda:

- 3.1 Council Member Simmons made the motion to approve the agenda as presented, Second by Council Member Hagan. All in favor.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- 4.1 Council Member O’Banner made the motion to approve the July 10, 2018 Town Council Meeting Minutes with a correction, Second by Council Member Simmons. All in favor.

Unfinished Business (Annexation 2nd Readings):

- 5.1 Council Member O’Banner made the motion to approve the second reading on Annexation Ordinance 18-93 for annexation of 1.00 acres owned by Cora Thompson and located at 633 Cochran Street. Second by Council Member Simmons. All in favor
- 5.2 Council Member O’Banner made the motion to approve the second reading on Annexation Ordinance 18-93 for annexation of 0.50 acres owned by John White and located off John Street. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor.
- 5.3 Council Member O’Banner made the motion to approve the second reading on Annexation Ordinance 18-95 for annexation of 0.42 acres owned by John Beckett and located at 308 Bing Street. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor.
- 5.4 Council Member Simmons made the motion to approve the second reading on Annexation Ordinance 18-96 for annexation of 1.00 acres owned by Linda Jenkins and located at 374 Bing Street. Second by Council Member O’Banner. All in favor.
- 5.5 Council Member Simmons made the motion to approve the second reading on Annexation Ordinance 18-97 of 0.30 acres owned by Dennis Pringle and located at 308 Bing Street. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor.

6. **New Business (Annexation Petitions (1st Readings)**

- 6.1 Council Member Washington made the motion to approve the first reading on Annexation Ordinance 18-98 of 1.90 acres owned by Shawn & Sharon Brown and located at 177 John Street. Second by Council Member Simmons. All in favor.
- 6.2 Council Member O'Banner made the motion to approve the first reading on Annexation Ordinance 18-99 of 0.30 acres owned by Thomas Oliver and located at 124 Cochran Street. Second by Council Member Simmons. All in favor.
- 6.3 Council Member O'Banner made the motion to approve the first reading on Annexation Ordinance 18-100 of 0.30 acres owned by Eddie Lee Brown and located at 134 Cochran Street. Second by Council Member Simmons. All in favor.
- 6.4 Council Member Simmons made the motion to approve Annexation Ordinance 18-101 of 0.50 acres owned by Winifred Wyman and located at 250 Cochran Street. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor.
- 6.5 Council Member O'Banner made the motion to approve Annexation Ordinance 18-102 of 0.61 acres owned by Genardry Deaussaure and located at 45 Oliver Drive. Second by Council Member Simmons. All in favor.
- 6.6 Council Member Simmons made the motion to approve Annexation Ordinance 18-103 of 14.00 acres owned by Dennis Jackson located on Riley Street between St. Jude Circle & Thomas Street. Second by Council Member O'Banner. All in favor.
- 6.7 Council Member O'Banner made the motion to approve Annexation Ordinance 18-104 of 1.00 acres owned by End Time Deliverance Ministries and located at 20 Terry Road. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor.
- 6.8 Town Clerk Matthew Garnes informed the Council on the receipt of a 75% Annexation Petition for the Point South commercial area in Jasper County near Exit 33. The subject annexation only includes commercial parcels and agricultural parcel establishing contiguity. The subject annexation is approximately 743 acres.

7. **FY18/19 Budget 1st Reading**

- 7.1 The Town of Yemassee conducted its annual Budget Workshop on Monday August 13, 2018. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve the budget as presented and praised the work of Town Staff & Council for diligently working on getting a balanced budget on track to being approved before September 1, for the first time in several years. Council member O'Banner made the motion to approve the proposed FY18/19 Budget. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor.

8. **Lowcountry Regional Water System Franchise Fee**

- 7.1 Per the terms of the transfer of the Yemassee Water Department to the LRWS in 2013 an agreement was established that five years after the transfer a franchise fee of up to 5% can be imposed. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to impose the franchise fee at 5% Council Member Simmons made the motion. Second by Council Member Washington with the following stipulations. 70% of the funds

received are to be earmarked to Parks & Recreation, 20% to the Shrimp Festival Committee and 10% to the Reserve Fund. All in favor

8. **Council Committee Reports**

- 7.1 **Shrimp Festival-** Paula Hagan from the Shrimp Festival committee spoke and informed the council and public on the current affairs of the festival. She advised they are on track and nearing completion on their program book. They are planning on having a fireworks presentation each night of the festival if they can attain additional sponsors. Council Member O'Banner inquired if the Shrimp Festival would be interested in having her church host Bingo as was done in previous years, Ms. Hagan said she would get back to her.
- 7.2 **Train Station-** J.L. Goodwin from the Train Station committee reported that all is well at the train depot. Mr. Goodwin praised Mr. Green and Mr. Garnes for their assistance with the project. The police department has been doing a great job of keeping the building locked at night and unlocking it in the morning. F & Me Consultants will be vacating the building within the next two months and he would like to consider placing a conference room in one of the vacant spaces.

8. **Department Reports**

- 8.1 Police, no report. Public Works, no report. Recreation Department, no report.

9. **Public Comment**

- 9.1 **Robert Jackson, 1198 Salkehatchie Road** – Mr. Jackson wished to commend Town Staff and Town council on a job well done in the newly annexed Salkehatchie Road area. He said between the street lights, new street signs and the increased police patrols, he couldn't be happier. He inquired about the sewer extension to that end of Salkehatchie Road. Council Member O'Banner advised him we are waiting on the next round of CDBG grants in the spring.
- 9.2 **Eddie Lee Brown, 134 Cochran Street** – Ms. Brown inquired how it was possible that her neighbor was in town limits and she was not and how the bread company was in the town but her property was not. Town Clerk Garnes advised her that her application just had a first reading and will be adopted at the end of this month and reminded her that annexation is a strictly volunteer process and having a neighbor in the town does not automatically put you in the town.
- 9.3 **Darrell Russell, 2 Pine Street** – Mr. Russell introduced himself as candidate for Hampton County Council at Large and that he is also the chairman of the Hampton County Republican party. He recently attended an event at the Governors Mansion and showed pictures of the event.

10. **Executive Session**

- 10.1 Council Member O'Banner made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, Discipline or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body in accordance with S.C. Code of Law 30-4-70 [A] [1]. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor. Entered Executive Session at 8:12 PM

Mayor Moore asked to exit Executive Session Council Member Simmons made the motion to exit Executive Session, Second by Council Member O'Banner. All in favor.

No action was taken in Executive Session

Adjournment:

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Simmons, second by Council Member O'Banner. All in Favor. Meeting Adjourned at 8:28PM.