

**`Minutes**  
**Town of Yemassee Town Council**  
**August 9, 2022, Regular Town Council Meeting 6:30 PM**  
101 Town Cir, Yemassee, SC 29945-3363

**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, Town Clerk Matthew Garnes, Chief Gregory Alexander, Police Captain Joe Loadholt, Human Resources Director Caroline Koger and Town Attorney Tom Johnson

Absent: None

Media Present: Lowcountry Inside Track, Ltd.

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**Call to Order:**

Mayor Moore called the Tuesday August 9, 2022, Regular Town Council Meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation**

Mayor Pro-Tem O'Banner led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

**Determination of Quorum:**

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented for August 9, 2022, Regular Town Council Meeting as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem O'Banner made the motion. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member Pinckney. **All in favor, Motion Passed, Agenda Adopted.**

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

**Old Business:**

Mayor Moore read Ordinance 22-12, An Ordinance Amending the Town of Yemassee FY22 Budget. Mr. Garnes explained that revenue shortfalls occurred, specifically for two grants that we anticipated receiving funds for this year but due to factors outside of the towns control, it did not occur during the budget year. Some income items were amended as additional revenue was generated that exceeded projections. Council

Member Murray made the motion to approve second and final reading. Second by Council Member Pinckney. **All in favor, Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore read Resolution 22-09, Adopting a new Employee handbook. Ms. Koger reviewed the proposed modifications and with feedback from the Town Council at the last meeting had updated the handbook as requested. Council Member Murray made a motion to adopt the resolution with the corrections discussed. Second by Mayor Pro-Tem O'Banner. **All in favor, Motion Passed.**

### **New Business:**

Mayor Moore read Resolution 22-10, a Resolution to Authorize the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Beaufort and Jasper Counties, the Town of Bluffton, Town of Port Royal, the City of Beaufort, the City of Hardeeville, and the Town of Hilton Head Island to jointly create and fund a Regional Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Mr. Garnes said this is a follow-up to the work we did with the consultants Asakura Robinson. Mayor Pro-Tem O'Banner made the motion to adopt the resolution. Second by Council Member Pinckney. **All in favor, Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore read Ordinance 22-13, an Ordinance Amending portions of Town of Yemassee Code Chapter 3, (Animals). Mr. Garnes advised that Beaufort County had adopted some updated language in their Ordinance, which the Town of Yemassee and other signatories had to adopt in full to allow them to be able to conduct Animal Control Operations inside the Town. Council Member Washington made the motion to approve first reading. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member Murray. **All in favor, Motion Passed.**

### **Department Reports:**

Police Department – Chief Alexander introduced new Police Officer Richard Pope and thanked the community for their support at the National Night Out Event.

Administration – Mr. Garnes reported they have issued 170 business licenses for license year 2022 and 67 permits so far since January 1.

Public Works – No Report

Municipal Court – No Report.

### **Public Comment**

Ben Fennell (386 Tuliffiny Rd) – Mr. Fennell reiterated his concerns regarding the Maltese Arms Shooting Club on Pocotaligo road and asked Council to take action to close the establishment.

Mayor Pro-Tem O'Banner reviewed a section of the Elected Officials Handbook

Mr. Garnes reported the PARD Grant for the Willis Street basketball Court had been closed out and they are finished with the work out there.

### **Executive Session:**

Mayor Moore requested a motion to enter executive session for contractual arrangements and economic development discussion. Council Member Pinckney made the motion. Second by Mayor Pro-Tem O'Banner. **All in favor. Executive Session entered at 7:12PM.**

Mayor Moore requested a motion to conclude executive session. Mayor Pro-Tem O'Banner made the motion. Second by Council Member Pinckney. **All in favor. Executive session ended at 8:22PM.**

### **Action from Executive Session**

No action taken

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Moore asked for motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem O'Banner made the motion to adjourn. Second by Council Member Pinckney. All in favor, **Meeting Adjourned at 8:23PM.**