

Town of Yemassee Town Council Meeting
December 11th, 2018
6:30 P.M.

The Town of Yemassee Council held its regularly scheduled Town Council meeting on Tuesday December 11th, 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. Staff present: Town Clerk Matthew Garnes, Administrative Assistant Verlynda Singleton. Absent: Council Member(s) Michelle Hagan, Alfred Washington.

Determination of Quorum: Mayor Moore was present. Council Member(s) Simmons & O’Banner were present. Councilmember(s) Hagan & Washington were absent. Meeting was opened at 6:30PM.

Adoption of Agenda:

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

Approval of the Minutes:

- 4.1 Council Member O’Banner made the motion to approve the November 13, 2018 Town Council Meeting Minutes. Second by Council Member Simmons. All in favor.

Unfinished Business (Annexation 2nd Readings):

- 5.1 Council Member Simmons made the motion to approve the second reading on Annexation Ordinance 18-131 of 10.96 acres owned by Lillian McCaskill and located at 40 Murcier Street. Second by Council Member O’Banner. All in favor.
- 5.2 Council Member Simmons made the motion to approve the first reading on Annexation Ordinance 18-132 on 7.24 acres owned by Ruby Johnson and located on Cochran Street. Second by Council Member O’Banner. All in favor.
- 5.3 Council Member O’Banner made the motion to approve the first reading on Annexation Ordinance 18-133 on 0.45 acres owned by Antoine Locke and located at 513 Willis Street South. Second by Council Member Simmons. All in favor.
- 5.4 Council Member O’Banner made the motion to approve Annexation Ordinance 18-134 on 1.00 acres owned by Lula Green and located at 515 Willis Street South. Second by Council Member Simmons. All in favor.
- 5.5 Council Member Simmons made the motion to approve Annexation Ordinance 18-135 on 0.50 acres owned by Alvin Pringle and located on Riley Street. Second by Council Member O’Banner. All in favor.

New Business (Annexation 1st Readings):

- 6.1 Council Member Simmons made the motion to approve the first reading on Annexation Ordinance 18-136 of 100 acres owned by Ethel Denmark on Salkehatchie Road. Second by Council Member O’Banner. All in favor.

Committee Reports:

- 7.1 Train Station – Will have a report next month.
- 7.2 Festivals – No report

Department Reports:

- 8.1 Victim Advocate Denise Pinckney introduced the new Mental Health Counselor to the attending public. Amber Henderson is available for free counseling sessions in house to any victim of crime occurring in the Town of Yemassee. Chief Alexander wanted to remind all that the Citizen Response to Active Shooter class and Neighborhood Crime Watch meeting would be held on Thursday at 5:30PM.

Presentation by the “Yemassee Community Improvement Alliance”:

- 9.1 Members of the Yemassee Community Improvement Alliance presented to the Town Council and attending public the findings of their survey that was conducted over the summer. They presented the top five areas they would like to see worked on. Additionally, they requested to be placed on every additional agenda for regular council meetings. Mayor Moore informed Mr. Henson to check in with the Town Clerk before the next meeting.

Presentation by Ethel Denmark:

- 10.1 Mrs. Denmark presented to the Town Council and attending public the opportunity to host a free in-house diabetes training class. Mrs. Denmark is certified by the CDC to teach the class. Council Member O’Banner made the motion to allow the class to be hosted at the Municipal Complex. Second by Council Member Simmons. All in favor.

Public Comment:

- 11.1 *Henry Pennington: 27944 Pocotaligo Rd*– Mr. Pennington advised that he has had an issue for the past few months that has been getting increasingly worse with rounds coming from the Maltese Arms Shooting Club into his yard and is causing a safety concern. He recently attended a County Council meeting where he was informed that the Shooting Club annexed into the Town of Yemassee over the summer. Mr. Pennington has no issues with the shooting club itself but just wants the safety issues rectified. Mayor Moore informed Mr. Pennington that the rifle range was closed since Thursday and that the club was addressing various safety concerns in reference to the rifle range. Mayor Moore also informed Mr. Pennington that we would keep him updated on the status of the changes so that an amicable and safe resolution could be reached.
- 11.2 *Justin Lane: 28446 Pocotaligo Rd* – Mr. Lane is the owner of the aforementioned club. He confirmed that the rifle range has been closed pending addressing the safety concerns and re-constructing the berm. He invited anyone that wanted to

see the setup at the range to reach out to him on the club's website, and he would show them the setup.

Executive Session:

12.1 Council Member O'Banner made the motion to enter Executive Session at 7:34PM. Second by Council Member Simmons. All in favor.

Council Member O'Banner made the motion to leave Executive Session at 7:54PM. Second by Council Member Simmons. All in favor. No action was taken during 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 7:55pm.