

COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2000
7:00 P.M.

Present Mayor Goodwin, Councilmember O'Banner, Jinks, Cook, and Moore. Motion to accept minutes as printed by Councilmember Jinks, second by Moore.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ORDINANCE – Mayor Goodwin said we need to have a meeting in near future. We passed the comprehensive plan but it is time to address the ordinance, latest copy is dated May 1999. Mayor Goodwin said he will get Carol Tank from Lowcountry Council of Government to come and explain the plan ordinance and also it wouldn't hurt to have town attorney to sit in, just in case if we has a problem with the plan. Mayor Goodwin will call Lowcountry for a copy of most recent comprehensive plan ordinance. Mayor Goodwin said some of the ordinance we need to get on the book, special if some good development come our way.

Mayor Goodwin will set up all the times and notify the councilmember to see if everyone fit into dates and times.

FIRE DEPT. CHIEF COLLINS LANE – January was a very slow month. Total of (6) calls, (5) of them out of town, (1) medical call in town. Last night was busy; structure fire on Orral street, thing went well house still standing. Fire department annual Bar BQ will be March 4th. We need some help on serving. Raffle tickets on sale for a set of LeCreuset pots.

POLICE DEPT. CHIEF JACK HAGY – Last month a total of (149) calls for service, only (2) arrests, and (3) calls criminal domestic violence.

An armed robbery at Chevron, the person pulled gun to demand money. Send photos to sled in Columbia for blow up copies. A burglary at Ford Café, knocked out air condition. Mr. Ford said he do not think anything is missing. He is going to do an inventory. Chief Hagy advised Mr. Ford to get back in touch with him if he find anything missing.

SAM'S CLUB PROGRAM – Mrs. Patricia Hicks, club representative from Hilton Head met last week with Mayor Goodwin. She said we are already a

member of Sam's Club; \$30.00 per year fee employees can become a member at \$15.00 each at their expense. Motion to accept by Councilmember Jinks, second by Cook.

DUMP SITE ON HWY 68 – BROWNFIELDS LETTER – Brownfields is a name that DHEC has given to some old dump site that may or may not has to be clean up. This is the old dump on Hwy 68 just out of town; right now, we are using it for yard waste. We are not permitted to use it for anything else. DHEC has been down, they had done some testing, and they performed two tests and so far no problem. Mayor Goodwin received a telephone call from DHEC Friday, they said there is some grant money available through Jeter. DHEC requesting \$2 million of these fund, with \$500,000 going for Town of Yemassee. If we even need it, the money is there for a cleanup situation. The letter written to Gail Rawls Jeter of the SC Dept. of Health and Environmental Control Bureau of Land and Waste Management states that the Town Of Yemassee agrees to allow and fully support DHEC's application for the Brownfields cleanup revolving Loan Fund on the town's behalf to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Motion to accept letter as written by Councilmember Cook, second by Councilmember Jinks.

Wayne Bryant representing development out of North Carolina is interested in building a low income housing complex in Yemassee. Bryant said he met with Councilmember Simon Jinks two years ago after he lost a couple of brothers because there was no housing for them. Bryant said two months ago, he came back to Yemassee and again talked to Councilmember Jinks and informed him the town is in need of public housing. The complex would have two bedroom apartments each with living room and small kitchen; two recreation areas, a chapel, and a medical office. The housing would be designed to be affordable for the working class and for those in need of low-income housing. This will create a sense of community living.

The property being considered for the housing is on Jinks Street. Mr. Bryant said low income housing is needed, he talked to Beaufort County this morning concerning this. Council will request a letter of support from Jim McDill, Hampton County Economic Development Director for support for this project. Councilmember Jinks asked Mr. Bryant to make sure the funding for the housing was not all government-funded, so that it would be affordable for people who do not receive government aid. Motion to draft letter to support this project by Councilmember O'Banner second by Moore.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE- Mid South Insurance Company, the insurance company the town currently had health insurance with is going out of business in March. We got a price quote from South Carolina Local Government Assurance is about half the amount the town is currently paying. Town needs to sign a resolution to change to the municipal insurance. Motion to accept by Councilmember Cook, second by Moore.

MR. S. YISRAEL-he requested to be on the agenda for next month meeting. Mr. Yisrael said when a person appeal a case all their rights still stands, so he feels that his business shouldn't have been shut down by Officer Lee. Mayor told him he hasn't instructed anybody to do anything, Mayor asked him to check a copy of the minutes from last month meeting when he had expressed several concerns and he told him to meet with him and Judge Nix next week to go over all of his concerns so that these issues that are bothering him can be resolved. He did not come forward, did not come to make any effort to come forward. The option was there. When you didn't show up I didn't pursue anything from this point on I figured you have become satisfied with what was going on, so I don't have any answer for you tonight. Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Jinks, second by Cook.