

**Town of Yemassee Council Meeting**  
**January 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**  
**6:30 P.M.**

Town of Yemassee Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday January 10th, 2017 at 6:30pm at the Municipal Center, in Yemassee, South Carolina. Present: Mayor Jerry Cook, Council Member(s) - Daniel Anderson, Colin Moore, Jordan Jinks, and Peggy O'Banner, Staff present: Misty Reardon Clerk to Council, Gregory Alexander Chief of Police and Jannette Brunson Victim Assistance Administrator.

**INVOCATION/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

- 1.1 Invocation was given by Mayor Cook.
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance was given by Council Member O'Banner.

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Mayor Cook and the Entire Council were present

**DETERMINATION OF NOTICE OF PRESS:** Press has been notified by fax

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

- 4.1 Council Member Moore made the motion to adopt the agenda for January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, second by Council Member Jinks. All in favor.

**ACTION ON MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2016:**

- 5.1.1 Council Member Anderson made the motion to approve council meeting minutes for December 13<sup>th</sup> 2016, second by Council Member Jinks.

**DISCUSSION OF PROPERTIES IN THE TOWN:**

- 6.1.1 TRAIN STATION/ DEPO UPDATES GREY KUBIC & J.L. GOODWIN:  
Grey Kubic presented himself to council as the Beaufort County Administrator and let it be known that he has 350 days until he retires from Beaufort County. Mr. Kubic worked in several counties in South Carolina before coming to Beaufort County, within his time at the county he met Mr. Goodwin. Mr. Goodwin and Mrs. Flowers contacted Mr. Kubic about eighteen months ago regarding the train station restoration, so Mr. Kubic made arrangements to meet them at the train station to see what all restorations needed to be done so that the marines could visit the depo for historical memories. Mr. Kubic has agreed on behalf of Beaufort County to give the train station, twenty five thousand dollars to get the section of the train station that was going to be rented out completed. Mr. Tony Christopher is putting together packages to fully restore the train station, one of those packages is getting a grant through USDA for the rural development grant for seventy five thousand two hundred dollars which will completely restore the train station/ depo and this grant will be handle through LCOG. Mr. Kubic wanted to open his services to the town and if there was anything that we would need help with to present it to him and he would present it to the Beaufort County Council. Mr. Kubic stated for his last year before he retires would like to launch a partnership with the Town of Yemassee and Beaufort County on working together to make it beautiful. Council Member Jinks asked Mr. Kubic when he retires if

he was going to stay in Beaufort County or move elsewhere, Mr. Kubic replied by saying he was going to be staying in Beaufort. Mr. Goodwin stood up before council to inform them of the latest updates with the train station/ depo, and wanted to thank Mr. Kubic for all his help in the project. Mr. Goodwin stated with the first fifteen thousand that Beaufort County donated to the train station/depo project, the committee had plans to complete the bathrooms and waiting room at the train station/depo. Mr. Goodwin went into detail with some of the restorations being made which included the waiting room has a 5ft hallway, handicap restrooms fully functional, doing separate ac units for the different rooms and having separate electrical meters for each room so they have their own power supply. Mr. Goodwin stated that he was looking forward to getting this project completed.

#### 6.1.2 HEALTH CARE BUILDING:

Dr. Simmons introduce himself to council as Medical Doctor which he specializes in pediatrics and has his own establishment located in Beaufort County named All Children Pediatrics. Dr. Simmons is wanting to open up a pediatrics office here in Yemassee at the health care building and stream it on a live video called telemedicine. The state offers free equipment so that the town wouldn't have to worry about paying for anything, but this would provide a full pharmacy at the location, all medical equipment needed, staff, and health services to Yemassee. Dr. Simmons stated that this establishment would be open a couple of days out of the week and would be used to treat all patients young and old, and would except most insurances like Medicaid, Medicare, and BCBS insurance. If the building is large enough to accommodate our establishment we could be happy to get things started as soon as everything goes through with the state. Dr. Simmons was wanting to run everything through council to get their blessings first, and Mr. Jinks spoke up to say that he had all Dr. Simmons contact information and that he would be in touch. Dr. Simmons thanked council for their time.

#### 6.1.3 LOVES TRAVEL CENTER:

Mr. Henson introduced himself to council as the director for loves travel center which is a gas station and truck stop. The location of the center would be off I-95 by the super 8 motel on about 2 ½ -3 acres with a 11,000 to 12,000 square foot building, 60 parking lots, 16 fueling stations, stores inside the location, and would employee around 40 to 50 people. Loves travel center will provide their own security, and they have all the up to date electronics, some minor details are still being worked out with the engineers regarding the building and wetlands in the area but doesn't pose as any harm to the town. Mr. Henson says we have all development plans are ready to go just reached a point to get the blessing from the town to go ahead with this development and we have been keeping in contact with Council Member Jinks with this whole process. Council Member Anderson asked what time frame they were looking at to complete this project. Mr. Henson said best case would be to start in June 2017 and to be completed seven to nine months afterwards. Mayor Cook asked if overnight parking was going to be available to

these truck drivers, as well as full operating bathrooms. Mr. Henson replied with a simple yes.

#### **DISCUSSION ON THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- 7.1 Chief Alexander announce to council and citizens present at the meeting, that the town was unfortunate to have lost former chief Hagy last year, and wanted to present Mrs. Hagy with a plaque from the town to honor the former chief. Mrs. Hagy thanked Chief Alexander and also shared that President Obama sent Mrs. Hagy a letter for the appreciation of her late husband services.

#### **DISCUSSION OF ANNEXATION:**

- 8.1 Council Member O'Banner addressed to council about annexing up highway 68, to include R & L Carriers into the city limits. Council Member Jinks said he would look into this.

#### **DISCUSSION OF TOWN ELECTION:**

- 9.1 Council Member Anderson informed council that an election commission needs to be in place before election. Council Member Jinks stated that the election filing fees needed to be changed. Council O'Banner asked that the Town Clerk look into the filing fees for the surrounding counties.

#### **NEW BUSINESS LICENSES:**

- 10.1 Raymond Construction-Council Member Moore made the motion to approve his business license for the Town of Yemassee, second by Council Member Jinks.

Mango Electric-Council Member Jinks made the motion to approve his business license for the Town of Yemassee, second by Council Member Anderson.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- 11.1 Mrs. Donna Baker wanted to know the progress of the street lights for Railroad Avenue. Town Clerk Mrs. Reardon informed Mrs. Baker that it was already taken care of and that SCE&G should be out there this week on Wednesday or Thursday to put the pole up. She also informed council that several street signs were missing in yemassee.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- 12.1 PERSONAL MATTERS

Council Member Jinks made the motion to go into executive sessions, second by Council Member Anderson. All in favor.

Council Member Anderson made the motion to come out of executive session, second by Council Member O'Banner. All in favor.

A motion was made by Council Member Jinks, Second by Council Member Anderson. All in Favor. To approval by Council to have the Town of Yemassee's

inspector Mr. Cummings to have Murr Printing to process our forms for inspections and pay the \$76.00 for the forms.

**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Jinks, second by Council Member O'Banner. All in favor.