

Minutes
Town of Yemassee Town Council
January 12, 2021 Town Council Meeting; 6:30PM
101 Town Cir, Yemassee, SC 29945

Attendance:

Present: Mayor Colin Moore, Mayor Pro-Tem Peggy O'Banner, Councilmember Alfred Washington, Town Clerk Matthew Garnes and Police Chief Gregory Alexander.

Absent: Council Member Hagan

Media Present: Lowcountry Inside Track Ltd.

Call to Order:

Mayor Moore called the Tuesday, January 12, 2021 Town Council Meeting to order at 6:30PM.

Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation:

Council Member O'Banner gave the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent of the Agenda:

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Council Member Washington made the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. Second by Council Member Simmons, all in favor. **Motion Passed**

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve the December 8, 2020 Town Council Meeting Minutes. Council Member O'Banner made the motion to approve as presented. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**

Old Business:

Mayor Moore read proposed Ordinance 20-25, Consideration of an Ordinance Approving Annexation of Two Parcels of land, totaling 5.00 Acres on Riley Street, Hampton County TMS: 198-00-00-055 & 198-00-00-056. The applicant is Larry Evans, and these properties are currently unimproved land. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve second and final reading. Council Member O'Banner made the motion. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor, **Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore read proposed Ordinance 20-26, Consideration of an Ordinance Approving Annexation of One Parcel of land, of 0.26 Acres at 418 Cochran Street, Hampton County TMS: 198-00-00-079. The applicant is Earl Decosta and the property currently has a single-family dwelling on it. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve second and final reading. Council

Member Washington made the motion. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member O'Banner. All in favor, **Motion Passed.**

New Business:

Mayor Moore read Resolution 21-01, Consideration of a Joint Resolution of the Yemassee Town Council and Hampton County Council to Endorse a Joint Request to the County Transportation Committee for \$375,000 for landscaping, lighting, and stormwater improvements at Exit 38. Town Clerk Garnes explained that Town Staff had met with County Staff over the last few weeks and are prepared to submit a request to the CTC to cover 100% of the improvements at no cost to the Town. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution. Council Member Simmons made the motion to adopt Resolution 21-01 with no cost to the Town. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor, **Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore read Resolution 21-02, Consideration Authorizing the Town Clerk to solicit bids for surplus Public Works Equipment. Town Clerk Garnes told the Council this was an old John Deere tractor that was past its serviceable life for the Town. The tractor would be advertised for thirty days including a newspaper advertisement. Upon the end of the 30-day window, staff would tabulate the bids and award the tractor to the high bidder. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution. Council Member O'Banner made the motion. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member Simmons. All in favor, **Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore read the Proclamation of a Local State of Emergency for the Town of Yemassee and asked for a motion to adopt. Council Member O'Banner made the motion to adopt the Proclamation. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor, **Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore read Emergency Ordinance 21-01, extending the face mask requirement for an additional sixty-one days. This is the same ordinance as in November with no other changes. Council Member Washington made the motion to adopt Emergency Ordinance. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member O'Banner. Moore, O'Banner and Washington in favor, Simmons opposed. **Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore read Emergency Ordinance 21-02, establishing guidelines for Electronic Meetings in the Town of Yemassee. Town Clerk Garnes said the meetings will be broadcast on Facebook and provisions for public comment have been taken into consideration. Council Member Simmons made the motion to adopt the Emergency Ordinance. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member O'Banner. All in favor, **Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore read Emergency Ordinance 21-03, Suspending Normal Operating Procedures of the Town of Yemassee. Town Clerk Garnes explained that this is needed to restrict access to the Municipal Complex and to suspend town facility rentals due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Council Member O'Banner made the motion to adopt the Emergency Ordinance. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member Washington. Council Member Simmons no vote. **Motion Passed.**

Department Reports

Police Department – No Report

Administration – Mr. Garnes told the Council there had been four testing events and there are more on the way. 24 new garbage cans were distributed last month and contrary to rumor on the internet, the program has not run out of money and we are on track to deliver new garbage cans to all residents, on time.

Public Works – None

Municipal Court - None

Public Comment: None

Adjournment

Mayor Moore asked for motion to adjourn. Council Member Washington made the motion to adjourn. Second by Council Member Simmons. All in favor, **Meeting Adjourned at 6:50PM**