

**Town of Yemassee Council Meeting**  
**January 9th, 2018**  
**6:30 P.M.**

Town of Yemassee Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Municipal Center, in Yemassee, South Carolina. Present: Mayor Colin Moore, and Council Member(s) – Michelle Hagan, Chuck Simmons, Absent: Peggy O’Banner. Staff present: Clerk to Council Misty Reardon, Assistant Town Clerk Matt Garnes, Chief of Police Gregory Alexander and Captain Joe Loadholt.

**INVOCATION/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

- 1.1 Invocation was given by Mr. Don Brant
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance was given by Council Member (s).

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Entire Council were present, except Council Member O’Banner.

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

- 4.1 Council Member Hagan made the motion to approve the agenda for January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 second by Council Member Simmons. All in favor.

**ACTION ON MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2017:**

- 5.1 Council Member Simmons made the motion to approve the council meeting minutes for December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 second by Council Member Hagan. All in favor.

**LCOG**

- 6.1 LCOG- Needs Assessment Public Hearing:  
Mrs. Rhonda Davis from Low Country Council of Government conducted the town’s annual Needs Assessment Public Hearing. Mrs. Rhonda Davis presented the 2018 program description for the CDBG Program and included a segment on Fair Housing. The Needs Assessment Public Hearing was posted at the Town Hall and in the Hampton County Guardian. The public hearing was opened for public input and everyone was encouraged to participate in the open forum.
- 6.2 Fair Housing Resolution:  
Mayor Moore made the motion to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution and Nondiscrimination policy on January 9<sup>th</sup> 2018 and published in the Hampton County Guardian on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 second by Council Member Hagan. All in favor.

**ANNEXATION:**

- 7.1 Council Member Hagan made the motion to approve the first reading on the annexation of 1.00 acres of Marion McLeod Anderson property located at 498 Willis Street South, Yemassee, SC 29945 into the City limits of Yemassee, second by Council Member Simmons. All in Favor.

- 7.2 Council Member Simmons made the motion to approve the second reading on the annexation of 0.41 acres of Mr. Thomas Bruce & Amparo Ceballos Risse property located at 27 Poston Drive, Yemassee, SC 29945 into the City limits of Yemassee, second by Council Member Hagan. All in Favor.
- 7.3 Council Member Hagan made the motion to approve the second reading on the annexation of 1.0 acres of Mrs. Leola Robinson property located at 220 Bing Street, Yemassee, SC 29945 into the City limits of Yemassee, second by Council Member Simmons. All in Favor.

**AUDITOR:**

- 8.1 Mr. William Hancock from The Brittingham Group presented the Town of Yemassee fiscal year 16/17 audit to Council Member (s) and attending citizens. Mr. William Hancock advised that this is The Town of Yemassee's best audit yet.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

- 9.1 Captain Joe Loadholt informed Council Member (s) that the police department was able to house one (1) homeless person during the snow storm and provided food and shelter for the individual for three (3) days. Captain Joe Loadholt also advised Council Member(s) that he and Chief Greg Alexander applied for the Palmetto Pride Grant and asked that Council sign the documents so that they could move forward with the grant. Clerk to Council Ms. Misty Reardon advised Council Member (s) the grant wasn't approved nor brought to Council before hand and suggested not to sign the documents due to lack of prior notification to council.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- 10.1 Mr. Don Brant wanted to give updates on the Prayer Meeting being held on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 located at Fennel Elementary School at 6:30 p.m., he wanted to extend the invitation to Council Member (s) and citizens again.
- 10.2 Council Member Simmons wanted to give a special thanks to Mr. David Tuten and Mr. Mark Brown for helping repair the basketball court benches.
- 10.3 Mayor Moore wanted to send out a special thanks for Mr. Green the Maintenance director for putting up the street signs in Yemassee.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- 11.1 \* Council Member Hagan made the motion to go into executive session, second by Council Member Simmons. All in Favor.
- \* Council Member Simmons made the motion to come out of executive session, second by Council Member Hagan. All in Favor.
- \* Council Member Hagan made the motion to approve hiring the Law Office of Mrs. Prina C. Maines to become the new Town Attorney with accepting the legally binding contract, second by Council Member Simmons. All in Favor.

**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Simmons, second by Council Member Hagan. All in Favor.