

Minutes
Town of Yemassee Town Council
July 14, 2020 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, Councilmember Simmons, Town Clerk Matthew Garnes & Chief Gregory Alexander

Absent: Council Member(s) Hagan

Media Present: Lowcountry Inside Track

Call to Order:

Mayor Moore called the Tuesday, July 14, 2020 Town Council Meeting to order at 6:30PM.

Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation:

Council Member Simmons gave the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Determination of Quorum:

Mayor Moore, Council Member(s) O'Banner, and Washington were present. Council Member(s) Hagan & Simmons were absent.

Consent of the Agenda:

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

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve the June 16, 2020 Town Council Meeting Minutes. Council Member Washington made the motion to approve as presented. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member O'Banner. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve the June 24, 2020 Special 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.**

2nd Readings:

Mayor Moore summarized the proposed ordinance amending the Town of Yemassee FY20 budget to account for revenues brought in and allocating expenses across the budget. The Town

received multiple grants during the year and needed to shift around other projections to balance the budget. Council Member O'Banner made the motion to approve second and final reading. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member Washington. Council Member Simmons did not vote. **Motion Passed.**

1st Readings:

Mayor Moore summarized the proposed emergency ordinance requiring face masks be worn in certain establishments in the Town limits to stop the spread of COVID-19. There are exceptions for children, people with pre-existing medical conditions and persons who cannot put a mask on or take one off without assistance. The Ordinance would go into effect at noon tomorrow and be in effect for sixty-one days. Mayor Moore asked the Council if there was any discussion. Council Member Simmons said he did not think we should force people to wear a mask and they should take it upon themselves. Mayor Moore said business owners cannot always control people coming into and out of the store and if its busy they cannot pay attention to everyone in the store. Council Member Simmons said he believed it was an infringement on their Civil Liberties. Council Member O'Banner said she believes this is common sense and supports it. Council Member Washington mentioned someone that worked at Love's tested positive, we have all these people getting off I-95 from all over the country that could bring it and we have the Amtrak station. Council Member O'Banner made the motion to approve first and final reading of the Emergency Ordinance. Second by Council Member Washington. Council Member Simmons, Nay, Mayor Moore, Aye **Motion Passed. 3 Aye 1 Nay**

Department Reports

Police Department – None

Administration – None

Public Works – None

Municipal Court - None

Public Comment – None

Adjournment

Mayor Moore asked for motion to adjourn. Council Member O'Banner made the motion to adjourn. Second by Council Member Simmons. **All in favor, Meeting Adjourned at 6:59PM**