

Minutes
Town of Yemassee Town Council
July 19, 2021, Special Town Council Meeting; 8:00AM
101 Town Cir, Yemassee, SC 29945

Attendance:

Present: Mayor Colin Moore, Mayor Pro-Tem Peggy O'Banner, Councilmember Charlie Simmons, Town Clerk Matthew Garnes, Police Chief Gregory Alexander and Police Captain Joe Loadholt

Absent: Councilmember(s) Michelle Hagan & Alfred Washington

Media Present: None

Call to Order:

Mayor Moore called the Monday July 19, 2021, Special Town Council Meeting to order at 8:07AM

Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation:

Mayor Pro-Tem 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. Mayor Pro Tem O'Banner made the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. Second by Council Member Simmons, all in favor. **Motion Passed**

Old Business:

Mayor Moore read Ordinance 21-16, Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Town of Yemassee FY21 Budget to Recognize Additional Expenditures and to Allocate Sources of Revenue for all Funds. Mr. Garnes advised that since the Town received grant funding this year for multiple grants with local matches being paid out on most, some income shortfalls on some lines as well as having two officers out on workers compensation for several months the budget needs to be amended to balance. The original FY21 budget was adopted in August 2020 in the amount of \$1,601,836.60. The amended General Fund Budget totals \$1,671,800.59. Council Member Simmons made the motion to approve second and final reading on Ordinance 21-16 as presented. There was no discussion. Second by Mayor Pro Tem O'Banner. All in favor, **Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore introduced Ordinance 21-17, Consideration of an Ordinance Approving Annexation of Approximately 266.31 Acres of Land, located on Bailey Road, and further identified as Beaufort County TMS: R700 020 000 0059 0000 and R700 020 000 0101 0000, to be effective contingent upon approval of the State of South Carolina Department of Administration/State Fiscal Accountability Authority. This is the second reading of this Ordinance. Mayor Moore asked the Town Council if there were any questions regarding it. Hearing none, Mayor Moore opened a Public Hearing on the Ordinance.

Mr. Garnes reviewed the Ordinance and displayed multiple maps of the area including adjacent land uses and a regional overview. The zoning is being recommended as Conservation Preservation District. After his presentation and opportunity for any questions, Mayor Moore closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Simmons made the motion to second and final reading on Annexation Ordinance 21-17. There was no discussion. Second by Mayor Pro-Tem O'Banner. All in favor, **Motion Passed.**

New Business:

Mayor Moore read Ordinance 21-18, Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Portions of the Town of Yemassee Code, Chapter 3. He advised that this Ordinance would essentially be repealed and replaced with the Beaufort County Animal Ordinance which the Town would be required to have in effect for Beaufort County Animal Services Officers to handle animal issues within the Town. Hampton County lacks the resources and has had substantial delays in getting to incidents within the Town and in some instances, they simply have no room. Council Member Simmons advised that this Ordinance is very strict, and he isn't sure if we need more regulations. Mayor Moore said the Ordinance needs to have teeth in it but under normal circumstances most of the proposed Ordinances are there just in case they are needed. Mayor Pro Tem O'Banner made a motion to table the Ordinance until the next Town Council Meeting. Second by Council Member Simmons. All in favor, **Motion to table Approved.**

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment

Mayor Moore asked for motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem O'Banner made the motion to adjourn. Second by Council Member Simmons. All in favor, **Meeting Adjourned at 8:45AM.**