

## **Town Of Yemassee Council Meeting**

**June 15, 2016**

**6:30 P.M.**

Town of Yemassee Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday June 15, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. 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. Media present: Hampton County Guardian.

**INVOCATION:** Invocation was given by Council Member Peggy O'Banner.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG & PLEDGE TO STATE FLAG**

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** The Entire Council Was Present.

**DETERMINATION OF NOTIFICATION OF PRESS:** The Press has been notified, both newspapers and radio.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**ACTION ON MINUTES FROM JUNE 15<sup>th</sup> 2016:**

The minutes from June 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 was pasted. Council Member Jordan Jinks made a motioned to pass the minutes and was seconded by Council Member Colin Moore. Council Member Mrs. Peggy O'Banner stated that there were some adjustment to make to the agenda: (1) First amend the agenda for section 6 for public comments. (2) Second amend the agenda in section 7 line item (a) where it states "Discussion of clearing trees at Mr. Jerry Cook residence", to Discussion of removing the tress located at Moore Park and HWY 17. Council Member(s) approve the agenda and the June 14th, 2016 Yemassee Council Meeting Agenda with the revisions as stated.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Mayor Jerry Cook called the meeting to order.

**DISCUSSION OF MILLAGE RATE INCREASE, ZONING MAP, ZONING PROPERTY 14 MIXON STREET, AND PROPOSED ANNEXATION: COUNCIL MEMBER DANIEL ANDERSON**

Council Member Daniel Anderson said that we would need to get with Hampton and Beaufort County about Yemassee's increase in the millage rate for the town. Council Member Daniel Anderson was also asking for updates on the discussion of the zoning map, zoning of property, and the proposed annexation which Mayor Jerry Cook informed everyone that the town attorney was supposed to be present to address this information, but was not at the time. Mayor Jerry Cook advised that we will await on the information from the attorney to proceed with these matters further.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS OR CONCERNS:**

1.) Mrs. Donna Baker (citizen at Yemassee) was wanting to address the loan that recently come into the town, which Council Member Jordan Jinks informed her that one payment for \$58 grand went to Low country Regional Water for upgrades to the street at Ponderosa and Pine to fix the sewer lines that have collapsed and the other check for 12 grand went to Low Country Council of Government for their services to handling the grant. Council Member Daniel Anderson also spoke on Mrs. Baker behalf to say the reason she was asking is due to the flooding that takes place at her residence which Council Member Daniel Anderson is her neighbor and knows very well about the flood that takes place on that street. Council Member Jordan Jinks advised that he has video of the flooding that takes place in front of the church by the drain and purposed to them that if they would watch when it rains and to take a rake and get rid of some of the junk, trash, and leafs in front of that drain it would help with some of that issue at hand. Council Member Daniel Anderson also said this wasn't the only issue they were having, but in regards to Hunt Street and Railroad Avenue a section by the drain pipe has collapsed as well, Council Member Daniel Anderson and Council Member Colin Moore have stated that they have both called the Highway Department about this and have received no response. Council Member Mrs. Peggy O'Banner, stated that she would email them in regards to some of these hazardous roadways.

2.) Mrs. Stacey Pinkney (citizen at Yemassee) wanted to address with the Council that her issue is with the abandon homes in the Town of Yemassee, she has spoken with serval people regarding this matter due to it is becoming a nuisance to the surrounding neighbors and herself. The two houses that are becoming a nuisance is located at 38 Mixon & 46 Mixon Street, Yemassee, South Carolina. Mrs. Pinkney has also expressed that she would like something done as soon as possible.

3.) Allanch Dobson with Wright Directions Family Services wanted to introduce himself and company to the town of Yemassee. The Wright Directions Family Services has been providing services for the past five years with helping children and families with disabilities or behavioral issues. They teach these families learning skills for these children not only at home but at school as well. Council Member Daniel Anderson suggested this was a good program.

4.) Save our youth-the purpose is to empower our youth by guidance, excellences, finance resources and self-esteem for the future and teach them as well as family to support the youth's future. They wish for everyone to come join them on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am located at magnolia hall 216-B US HWY-17A (MRS. JOSIE'S PLACE) Council Member Peggy O'Banner highly recommended to support Mrs. Josie's with anything that she does due to she is a positive influence in the community of Yemassee.

5.) Hampton County Library is holding a book sale located at Brunson Ace Hardware 616 Railroad Avenue on June 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-2:00pm

6.) Council Member Peggy O'Banner shared a well beautiful written and heart filled thank you note from Mrs. Susan Cook for the flowers and prayers.

7.) Council Member Jordan Jinks made a motion to say a little prayer for Mrs. Rain Robinson, and Council Member Peggy O'Banner led us into prayer.

### **Presentation:**

Billy Gavigan with the Gavigan Group (Yemassee Village)

Mr. Billy Gavigan was wanting to present himself and his project to the Town of Yemassee for the future planning of the "Yemassee Village", it would be developing energy saving homes in the town of Yemassee also being HUD approved loans. Mr. Gavigan also told Council Member Mrs. Peggy O'Banner that he would get together a packet with more detail information about everything involving the planning for this "Yemassee Village". They needed to get updated information before processing further, he just wanted to introduce himself tonight to Council Members.

### **DISCUSSION OF CLEARING THE TREES: Mayor Jerry Cook**

Mayor Jerry Cook proposed the motion to remove trees at the Moore Park and HWY 17, the trees are becoming a nuisance and destroying sections of the properties. Mayor Jerry Cook said that it would be no cost to the town and that he would take care of this issue.

### **DISCUSSION TO INTRODUCE NEW POLICE OFFICER AND PROVIDE MUTUAL AID TO HELP ASSIST WITH SHRIMP FESTIVAL: CHIEF GREGORY ALEXANDER**

Chief Alexander introduced Ms. Tucker as the new police officer to the Town of Yemassee and also wanted to send out a special thank you to Officer Simmons, Watson, and Loadholt for their hardwork. Also wanted to address in helping with the shrimp festival this year.

### **UPDATES ON DEPO: Mr. J. L. GOODWIN**

Wanted to give updates for the depo, they approved the 24 x 25ft waiting room on the waiting room for the depo a

### **NEW BUSINESS LICENSE**

Oliver's Bush hogging LLC—BUSHHOGGING INDUSTRY --approved

Robert's Heating & Cooling----approved

Suncrest Solar----approved

TC CRAWFISH---NOT APPROVED—Mayor Jerry Cook and Council Members asked that we look into this regarding what the surrounding counties have for their statues are for paddlers or mobile business.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council Member Colin Moore made a motion that we had no executive session and was second by Mayor Jerry Cook.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Jerry Cook and was second by Council Member Mrs. Peggy O'Banner.