

**Minutes**  
**Town of Yemassee Town Council**  
**March 12, 2024, Regular Town Council Meeting 6:30PM**  
Yemassee Municipal Complex, 101 Town Cir, Yemassee, SC 29945-3363

**Attendance:**

Present: Mayor Colin Moore, Mayor Pro-Tem Richard Hagan, Council Member David Paul Murray, Council Member Stacy Pinckney, Council Member Daniel Anderson, Public Works Director Lonnie Green, Town Administrator Matthew Garnes, Police Captain Joe Loadholt, Police Chief Gregory Alexander

Absent:

Media Present: Lowcountry Inside Track, Ltd.

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**Call to Order:**

Mayor Moore called the March 12, 2024, Regular Town Council Meeting to order at 6:31PM.

**Determination of Quorum:**

The full Council was present. Council Member Murray led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented for March 12, 2024, Regular Town Council Meeting as presented. Council Member Murray made the motion to adopt. Second by Mayor Pro-Tem Hagan. **All in favor, Motion Passed 5-0.**

Approval of the February 13, 2024, Town Council Meeting Minutes: Mayor Moore asked if everyone had a chance to review the draft minutes from the February 13, 2024, meeting and if anyone had any additions, corrections, or modifications. Mayor Pro-Tem Hagan made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Council Member Murray. **All in favor, Motion Passed 5-0.**

**Presentations:**

Mayor Moore introduced Mr. William Hancock of the Brittingham Group, LLP. Who presented the results of the FY23 audit. Mr. Hancock reported a clean, unmodified audit. The total revenue increase was \$713,959 representing a 45.45% increase and an increase in the fund balance at the end of the fiscal year of \$61,568.00.

### **Old Business:**

Ordinance 23-30: Mayor Moore read Ordinance 23-30, an Ordinance Amending the Town of Yemassee Official Zoning Map to rezone one parcel of land totaling 8.00 acres located at 100 Jinks Street in Hampton County from its current zoning designation of Residential ½ Acre (R2A) to Office Commercial District (OCD). Mayor Moore opened the Public Hearing. Some residents from the Pine and Lacey neighborhoods spoke against it. After all public remarks were made, Mayor Moore closed the public hearing. With no further remarks from the Council, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll. **All in favor, Motion Passed 5-0.**

Ordinance 24-01: Mayor Moore read Ordinance 24-01, an Ordinance Approving Annexation of one parcel of land totaling 4.00 acres located at mile-marker 40.6 on Interstate 95 in Hampton County and further identified by Hampton County Tax Map Number 197-00-00-052. Mayor Moore advised that this was one of the final parcels along Interstate 95 that was not yet in town and was currently undeveloped and could not be developed due to the overwhelming presence of wetlands as you approach the Combahee River. Mayor Moore asked if the Council had any further questions. Council Member Murray made the motion to approve the second reading. Second by Mayor Pro-Tem Hagan. **All in favor, Motion Passed. 5-0.**

### **New Business:**

Resolution 24-01: Mayor Moore read the Resolution ranking the 2024 Community Needs for CDBG funding. Mayor Pro-Tem Hagan made the motion to adopt the Resolution. Second by Council Member Anderson. **All in favor, Motion Passed. 5-0.**

Resolution 24-02: Mayor Moore read the Resolution declaring April as Fair Housing Month in the Town of Yemassee, as done annually. Council Member Anderson made the motion to adopt the resolution. Second by Council Member Murray. **All in favor, Motion Passed. 5-0.**

Ordinance 24-02: Mayor Moore read the Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Yemassee for one parcel of land within Hampton County located at 443 Yemassee Hwy from its current designation of Office Commercial District to Regional Commercial District. Mr. Garnes explained that the current zoning does not permit gas stations, fast food restaurants, or other businesses of a regional scope and this amendment would permit future development of that kind. He advised the Planning Commission reviewed the request and conducted a Public Hearing and voted to advance the request to the Town Council for further consideration. Council Member Pinckney made the motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Second by Mayor Pro-Tem Hagan. **All in favor, Motion Passed. 5-0.**

Council Member Anderson discussed his desire to re-evaluate permitting fees and costs associated with upgrading the council chamber's audio system concurrent with the FY25 budget.

**Department Reports:**

Administration: No Report

Police Department: K9 Zika will be retiring, and the PD is pursuing a grant for a replacement K9.

Public Works: Mr. Green stated they have a few projects they are making progress on.

Municipal Court: No Report

Recreation: The Shrimp Festival Committee is having their first meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30PM at the Community Center. Council Member Pinckney is working hard on the Easter Egg hunt, and it is scheduled for the 28<sup>th</sup> from 6-8PM at the Municipal Complex.

**Public Comment:**

Teresa Anderson (498 Willis St S) – Spoke regarding concerns she had about train noise.

Darrell Russell (2 Pine St) – Attempted to yield his time to Mr. Henson however Mr. Henson did not speak.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Moore asked for motion to adjourn. Council Member Anderson made the motion to adjourn. Second by Council Member Murray. All in favor, **Meeting Adjourned at 7:39 PM.**