

Town of Yemassee Council Meeting

March 14TH, 2017

6:30 P.M.

Town of Yemassee Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday March 14th, 2017 at 6:30pm at the Municipal Center, in Yemassee, South Carolina. Present: Council Member(s) - Daniel Anderson, Colin Moore, Jordan Jinks, Peggy O'Banner and Staff present: Misty Reardon Clerk to Council, Willie Frazier Assistant to Clerk, and Gregory Alexander Chief of Police.

INVOCATION/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- 1.1 Invocation was given by Council Member O'Banner
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance was given by Council Member O'Banner.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Entire Council were present, except Mayor Cook.

DETERMINATION OF NOTICE OF PRESS: Press has been notified by fax

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- 4.1 Council Member Anderson made the motion to amend the agenda for March 14th 2017 on section 12.2 Discussion of the Youth Softball & Baseball team's that are represented through the Town. Second by Council Member Jinks. All in favor.

ACTION ON MINUTES FROM JANUARY 10TH & FEBRUARY 15TH, 2017:

- 5.1 Council Member Jinks made the motion to approve the council meeting minutes for January 10th, 2017 as long as the amendments were made in section 8.1, second by Council Member Moore.
- 5.2 Council Member Jinks made the motion to approve the council meeting minutes for February 15th, 2017 as long as the amendments were made in section 5.1 & 7.1, second by Council Member Anderson.

DISCUSSION OF LRWS:

- 6.1 Chairmen Mr. Rhoden from the Low Country Regional Water Supply wanted to bring to the council members attention that a letter was wrote back in December to address the issue at the waste water treatment plant. Mr. Rhoden advised council that LRWS is planning on doing some work at the waste water treatment plant and due to some confiscated / trash being out at the plant DHEC has informed them that if the problem wasn't resolved by April 1st, 2017 that LRWS and the Town of Yemassee would be fined. Council Member Jinks made the motion to have the confiscated / trash items removed from the water waste plant located on Railroad Avenue as soon as possible before the deadline of April 1st, 2017. Second by Council Member Moore. All in favor.

DISCUSSION OF LCOG

- 7.1 Mrs. Barbara Johnson from Low Country Council of Government conducted the town's annual Needs Assessment Public Hearing. Mrs. Barbara Johnson presented the 2017 program description for the CDBG Program and included a segment on Fair Housing. The Needs Assessment Public Hearing was posted at the Town Hall. The public hearing was opened for public input and everyone was encouraged to participate in the open forum.

The needs for the Town of Yemassee are as follows:

- 1) Community Center—town owned building to house mentoring, tutoring, workforce, training, and education for LMI persons
- 2) Infrastructure — priority includes drainage (study and improvements), sidewalks, and security cameras
- 3) Depo—house a museum
- 4) Library
- 5) Demolishes of obsolete, vacant, dilapidated structures throughout the town
- 6) Substation
- 7) Lighting at I-95 & Exit 38

DISCUSSION OF ANNEXATION:

- 8.1 Discussion of the annexation from property owned by Low Country/ Frank Mullen. Council Member Moore made the motion to table this until further information can be presented, Second by Council Member Anderson. All in favor.

DISCUSSION OF TOWN ELECTION:

- 9.1 Council Member Jinks made the motion to move the town election fees to executive session, second by Council Member Moore. All in favor.
- 9.2 The Council Members have appointed two new election commissioners to this year's election commission. Council Member Jinks made the motion to appoint Mrs. Donna Baker to the Election Commission, second by Council Member Anderson. All in favor. Council Member Anderson made the motion to appoint Mr. Tom Risse to the Election Commission, second by Council Member Jinks. All in favor.

DISCUSSION POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- 10.1 Chief Alexander made the announcement of our new victim's advocate Mrs. Jamison was hired for the department. Chief Alexander wanted to address some issue with two of the police vehicles currently having major issues. Council Member Jinks made the motion to purchase two new police vehicles with the down payment of \$14,000.00 for the police department, second by Council Member Moore. All in favor.

DISCUSSION ON TOWN'S WEBSITE:

- 11.1 Council Member Anderson made the motion to table the discussion of the town's website until the next council meeting, second by Council Member Jinks. All in favor.

DISCUSSION OF WADE HAMPTON:

- 12.1 The Wade Hampton Scholarship Committee is wanting to do a scholarship softball tournament at the Harold's baseball field in yemassee. This tournament will raise money for a scholarship that will be given to one young adult wanting to attend college of choice. The Wade Hampton Scholarship Committee will choose one candidate to receive the scholarship. Council Members don't have an issue with The Wade Hampton Scholarship committee getting the field at no cost but would need to get with the Recreation Department to see if they would waive the rental fee for the baseball field the day of the scholarship tournament.
- 12.2 Council Member Anderson made the motion for the Town of Yemassee to sponsor a team for the Recreation Department youth baseball & softball team in the amount of \$300.00, second by Council Member Jinks. All in favor.

DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEES IN YEMASSEE:

- 13.1 Discussion on some private committees operating in the town of yemassee. Ms. Reardon asked that these committees operating and coming through the town need to come through the Town Hall to make themselves known and present the proper documentation for the committees. The Council Member(s) asked that we look into this more and gather further information.

DISCUSSION OF SHRIMP FESTIVAL CARNIVAL:

- 14.1 Council Member Jinks made the announcement that the Shrimp festival is hosting a carnival with the help from Magic Midway from March 29th through April 1st 2017 behind the town hall.

NEW BUSINESS LICENSE:

- 15.1 Council Member Anderson made the motion to approve Robinson Transport for a Business License, Second by Council Member Jinks. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- 16.1 Donna Baker wanted to know if anything was being done about the dog situations in yemassee, Council Member Jinks informed Mrs. Baker that the Town of Yemassee has an agreement with Hampton County Animal Control that they would address issues with animals. Council Member Jinks proceeded to tell Mrs. Baker to contact Mr. Tim Latham from animal control in Hampton County his business cards are at the front desk.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- 17.1 * Council Member Anderson made the motion to go into executive sessions, second by Council Member Jinks. All in favor.
- * Council Member Jinks made the motion to come out of executive session, second by Council Member Moore. All in favor.
- * Council Member Jinks made the motion to amend the ordinances for the filing fees on the Towns Election for mayor and council, as well as preparing ordinances to change the mayor's salary for the upcoming year, second by Council Member Anderson. All in favor.

- * Council Member Anderson made the motion to place a ½ page ad in color for the 2017 Hampton County watermelon festival booklet, second by Council Member Jinks. All in favor.

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Jinks, second by Council Member Anderson. All in favor.