

**Minutes**  
**Town of Yemassee Town Council**  
Council Chambers, Yemassee Municipal Complex  
**March 27, 2020 Emergency Town Council Meeting; 10:00AM**  
101 Town Cir, Yemassee, SC 29945

**Attendance:**

Present: Colin Moore, Mayor; Chuckie Simmons, Council Member; Alfred Washington, Council Member; Matthew Garnes, Town Clerk; Gregory Alexander, Police Chief; Joe Loadholt, Police Captain; Stanley Mack, Police Officer and William Sanford, Clerk of Court.

Absent: Council Member(s) O'Banner & Hagan

Media Present: None

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**Call to Order:**

Mayor Moore called the Friday, March 27, 2020 Emergency Town Council Meeting to order.

**Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation:**

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

**Determination of Quorum:**

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

**Consent of the Agenda:**

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

**New Business.**

Mayor Moore read the proclamation declaring a local state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He stated this doesn't necessarily change how we operate but allows us to make decisions as the situation evolves while allowing us to apply for federal reimbursement through FEMA. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to adopt the proclamation. Council Member Simmons made the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore read Emergency Ordinance 2020-05, which established guidelines for hosting electronic meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Moore explained that this will allow us to meet electronically from anywhere and will broadcast the meetings online and have a phone in line for people to listen. Council Member Simmons made the motion to approve the emergency ordinance. There was no discussion on the motion. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore read Resolution 20-03 which would call on Governor McMaster to issue a mandatory stay at home order due to COVID-19 for a period to be determined by the South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control. Mr. Garnes got up and gave background on this Resolution. Multiple other towns in Beaufort County were planning on preparing a joint letter to be sent to the Governor requesting a stay at home order. This resolution itself does not enact a curfew or stay at home order but would show the support of the Town of Yemassee along with other member municipalities for the order. Mr. Garnes advised if the Governor enacted one, it would not hinder essential businesses from opening. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to adopt. Council Member Washington made the motion to adopt. There was no further discussion. Mayor Moore asked for a second to which there was none, with Council Member Simmons silent. With no second, there was no vote. **Motion died.**

#### **Adjournment:**

Mayor Moore asked for motion to adjourn. Council Member Simmons made the motion to adjourn. Second by Council Member Washington. Meeting adjourned at 10:27AM. All in favor.