

## **Town Of Yemassee Council Meeting**

**March 30, 2015**

**6:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Cook, Council Members- Anderson, Moore, Jinks, O'Banner

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

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

Item 5 on the agenda was the Town Attorney –Discussion of the Ordinance change for the Council form of Government. Mayor Cook asked Council Member Jinks to amend the code of ordinance to reflect the results the referendum changing the form of Government to the Council form of Government. Council Member Moore seconded this motion. Motion was passed.

Mayor Cook asked that Attorney Warren Johnson to go into details about this change as well as the change of the Ordinances for him and the other Council Members to better understand. Attorney Warren Johnson said as of March 30, 2015 and so forth on the change is already in effect. The Mayor will set the agenda as well as the meetings. Mayor Cook states that the Mayor form of Government gave the Mayor more lead way as far as the daily activities went and now that the form of Government had changed the Mayor, All Council Members, and Attorney had to go into executive session to plan out how everyone would play their role in this form of Government which was advised by the Attorney.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Douglas Mickens stated in his comment that there has been a change now and he thanked Mayor Cook for what he had done so far, but town needs a change. Everyone needs to work together to better the town of Yemassee. Every decision that the Council makes is for the town. The town's person does not work for the Council the Council works for the town. He also said that we don't need any bickering and everyone needs to be on one accord. When the Mayor and Council Members come out of executive session the town's people want to know what is going on. Jimmy Glass signed the sign in sheet but did not state his comments or concerns. After the public comments and concerns were taken care of the whole Council went into executive session.

Council Member O'Banner made the motion to go into the executive session and it was seconded by Council Member Moore.

There were no votes taken in executive session but there were discussions on things that needed to be addressed. Mayor Cook made a motion to establish department heads to handle the day to day business of each department. Designated roles and duties to report to the Council and work with the department heads, such as Administration, Police, Public Works, Fire Department, Parks and Recreation. Mayor Cook also says that the employee handbooks and the town codes need to be updated in the near future. Council Member O'Banner made the motion and seconded by Council Member Anderson. Council Member Moore asked for this to be clarified about who the department heads would be reporting to full Council.

Council Member Jinks explains that in making this motion it would allow each department head to run their own department but each department head must report to the full Council. Council Member O'Banner clarified the full Council had to be notified. Mayor Cook said in closing of this Council meeting that he felt a lot of good came out of this meeting and he looks forward to working with everyone and he's excited to see how much progress will be made.

Council Member Jinks stated that everyone is going through a learning process with the new change in government, as we all are. Mayor Cook made the motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Council Member Anderson.