

**Town of Yemassee Council Meeting**  
**May 8th, 2018**  
**6:30 P.M.**

Town of Yemassee Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Municipal Complex, in Yemassee, South Carolina. Present: Mayor Colin Moore, and Council Member(s) – Michelle Hagan, Chuck Simmons, Peggy O’Banner & Alfred Washington. Staff present: Interim Town Clerk Matthew Garnes.

**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

**DETERMINATION OF NOTICE TO PRESS & PUBLIC:** The press & public have been notified by fax and e-mail.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

- 4.1 Council Member O’Banner made the motion to approve the agenda as presented, Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

- 5.1 Council Member O’Banner made the motion to approve the Town Council Meeting minutes for April 10, 2018. Second by Council Member Hagan. All in favor.
- 5.2 Council Member Washington made the motion to approve the Special Town Council Meeting minutes for April 17, 2018. Second by Council Member Hagan. All in favor.

**ANNEXATION:**

- 6.1 Council Member Simmons made the motion to approve the second reading on Annexation Ordinance Number 18-05 for annexation of 1.00 acres owned by Linda Elliot, located on Williams Street in Yemassee into the City limits. Second by Council Member O’Banner. All in Favor.
- 6.2 Council Member Simmons made the motion to approve the second reading on Annexation Ordinance Number 18-06 for annexation of 1.50 acres owned by Lawrence & Joyce Shaw located at 187 Jackson Street in Yemassee into the City limits. Second by Council Member Washington. All in Favor.
- 6.3 Council Member O’Banner made the motion to approve the second reading on Annexation Ordinance Number 18-07 for annexation of 3.03 acres owned by Lawrence & Joyce Shaw on Cochran Street into the City limits. Second by Council Member Hagan. All in Favor.

- 6.4 Council Member O'Banner made the motion to approve the first reading on Annexation Ordinance Number 18-08 for annexation of 2.67 acres owned by Angelo & Rena Wright located at 96 Jasmine Street into the City limits. Second by Council Member O'Banner. All in Favor.
- 6.5 Council Member Simmons made the motion to approve the second reading on Annexation Ordinance Number 18-09 for annexation of 1.00 acres owned by James Jackson located at 258 Jackson Street into the City limits. Second by Council Member O'Banner. All in Favor.
- 6.6 Council Member O'Banner made the motion to approve the first reading on Annexation Ordinance Number 18-10 for annexation of 2.00 acres owned by Josephine Anderson located at 268 Cochran Street into the City limits. Second by Council Member Hagan. All in favor
- 6.7 Council Member O'Banner made the motion to approve the first reading on Annexation Ordinance Number 18-11 for annexation of 1.00 acres owned by Douglas Solomon located at 68 Solomon Street into the City limits. Second by Council Member Hagan. All in favor.
- 6.8 Council Member Hagan made the motion to approve the first reading on Annexation Ordinance Number 18-12 for annexation of 0.53 acres owned by Edwina Wyman located at 46 Solomon Street into the City limits. Second by Council Member O'Banner. All in favor.
- 6.9 Council Member Simmons made the motion to approve the first reading on Annexation Ordinance Number 18-13 for annexation of 1.00 acres owned by Stanley Davis located at 1791 Old Salkehatchie Hwy into the City limits. Second by Council Member O'Banner. All in favor.
- 6.10 Council Member Hagan made the motion to approve the first reading on Annexation Ordinance Number 18-14 for annexation of three parcels of land totaling 5.90 acres and known collectively as the Cook Tract and owned by Sandra Cook, into the City limits. The subject properties are located off John Street and Cochran Street. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor.
- 6.11 Council Member O'Banner made the motion to approve the first reading on Annexation Ordinance 18-15 for annexation of 0.52 acres owned by Doris Singleton located at 41 Dot Street into the City limits. Second by Council Member Hagan. All in favor.
- 6.12 Council Member O'Banner made the motion to approve the first reading on Annexation Ordinance Number 18-16 for annexation of 0.52 owned by Hampton Habitat for Humanity located at 36 Dot Street into the City limits. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor.

- 6.13 Council Member Simmons made the motion to approve the first reading on Annexation Ordinance Number 18-17 for 3.66 acres owned by Jacquain Solomon and located at 227 Cochran Street into the City Limits. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor.
- 6.14 Council Member Hagan made the motion to approve the first reading on Annexation Ordinance Number 18-18 for annexation of 1.80 acres owned by John & Connie White and located at 77 John Street into the City Limits. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor.
- 6.15 Council Member Hagan made the motion to approve the first reading on Annexation Ordinance Number 18-19 for annexation of two parcels of land totaling 2.00 acres and owned by Sarah Bing and located at 326 Cochran Street into the City limits. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor.
- 6.16 Council Member Simmons made the motion to approve the first reading on Annexation Ordinance 18-20 for annexation of 1.17 acres owned by Keya Shaw and located at 190 Jackson Street into the City limits. Second by Council Member O'Banner. All in favor.
- 6.17 Council Member Hagan made the motion to approve the first reading on Annexation Ordinance 18-21 for annexation of 1.00 acres owned by Cleveland Spicer Jr. and located at 150 Cochran Street into the City limits. Second by Council Member O'Banner. All in favor.
- 6.18 Council Member Simmons made the motion to approve the first reading on Annexation Ordinance 18-22 for annexation of four parcels of land totaling 8.41 acres and owned by Karen Coney and located at 518 Bing Street into the City limits. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor.
- 6.19 Council Member O'Banner made the motion to approve the first reading on Annexation Ordinance 18-23 for annexation of 1.00 acres owned by Walter J Ellis and located at 172 Riley Street into the City limits. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor.
- 6.20 Council Member O'Banner made the motion to approve the first reading on Annexation Ordinance 18-24 for annexation of 6.80 acres owned by Walter J Ellis and located on Riley Street into the City limits. Second by Council Member Hagan. All in favor.
- 6.21 Council Member Hagan made the motion to approve the first reading on Annexation Ordinance 18-25 for annexation of 0.50 acres owned by Darrell Brewer and located at 48 Jasmine Street into the City limits. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor.

- 6.22 Council Member Hagan made the motion to approve the first reading on Annexation Ordinance 18-26 for annexation of 0.50 acres owned by Cynthia Brewer and located at 64 Jasmine Street into the City limits. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- 7.1 Police Chief Gregory Alexander first wished to congratulate the Shaw family on being annexed into the Town of Yemassee and reminded them that he is just a phone call away. Officers from the Yemassee Police Department participated in “Operation Rolling Thunder” which took place in Cherokee & Spartanburg Counties last week. In total, 1200 traffic stops were conducted, 48 arrests made, 9000 ounces of marijuana, 4000 grams of Methamphetamine, 900 grams of cocaine, 273 grams of miscellaneous drugs were seized. 25 Felony arrests and 9 fugitive from justice arrests were also reported. Chief Alexander advised the operation was a great success.

Chief Alexander reported that Shemuel Nahuem Ben Yisrael at 18 Wall Street damaged the fence on town owned property late last week. Yisrael led officers on a vehicle chase to the Beaufort City limits, where the pursuit was terminated due to unsafe conditions. Yisrael surrendered himself to Beaufort County Sheriff’s Deputies and was subsequently arrested and booked into the Beaufort County Detention Center. A quote has been received for repairs to the fence. A camera system quote has also been obtained totaling \$1700 and will be placed on the train station roof.

The Fire Department along with Yemassee Police were dispatched to a suspicious house fire last night on Josselson Street. The SLED Arson team was requested at the Chiefs direction. More to follow.

- 7.2 Discussion took place regarding the Dispatching services with Hampton County Dispatch for emergency dispatch services. Chief Alexander advised him and Mayor Moore spoke with the Beaufort County Sheriff and Lt. Col. Neil Baxley with BCSO Dispatch who advised they currently lack adequate staffing to take Yemassee back on board. The Town of Yemassee will pay Hampton County \$7318 a month for six months which will cover charges dating back to when Yemassee came on board with Hampton County in December of 2016 and will revert back to \$2500 a month after the six month period has ended.
- 7.3 Council Member Washington made the motion to pay the Invoice from TireMaxx in the amount of \$1004.01 for police vehicle tires. Second by Council Member O’Banner. All in favor.

## **AUDITORS REPORT**

- 8.1 Mr. Bill Hancock from The Brittingham Group addressed the Mayor & Council along with the attending public. He stated that with any change in management it is expected that there will be changes in bookkeeping practices and specific ways that records are kept. "Mr. Garnes has reached out to me on three occasions and I have conducted one visit to check up on everything. At that time he was still getting all the information together and had not yet reconciled March, however as of now March and April for all 18 accounts have been reconciled." Mr. Hancock advised that the Town may need to look at a budget amendment with the addition of a secondary full time Public Works department employee and the addition of a 911 Dispatch fee. Mr. Hancock will meet with Mr. Garnes in the coming weeks to review the budget and devise a budget amendment to carry the town through for the remainder of the fiscal year.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Darrell Russell (Yemassee, SC) introduced himself as candidate for Hampton County Council at large. His platform is transparency, improvement in public safety services and smart planning.

Ms. Donna Singleton Baker (Yemassee, SC) Addressed issues with flooding on Railroad Avenue North during last month's heavy rain storm. She advised that her driveway was damaged and it had appeared that the storm water drains were clogged. Council Member Washington advised Ms. Baker that there is a known problem with the storm water drains and that Lowcountry Regional Water System is bringing in a vacuum truck in the coming weeks to rectify that issue.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- 11.1 Council Member Hagan made the motion to go into executive session at 8:41PM, second by Council Member Simmons. All in favor.

Council Member O'Banner made the motion to come out of executive session at 9:31PM, second by Council Member Hagan. All in favor.

Council Member O'Banner made the motion to repair the fence on the town property on Wall Street in the amount of \$1650.00. Second by Council Member Hagan. All in favor.

Council Member Simmons made the motion to pay the former Town Clerk for seventeen (17) days that she did not receive her termination letter. Second by Council Member Hagan. All in favor.

## **MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Hagan, second by Council Member Simmons. All in Favor. Meeting Adjourned at 9:39PM.