

Council Meeting

5-9-00

7:00 P.M.

Present Mayor Goodwin, Councilmember Cook, O'Banner, Jinks, and Moore. Motion to accept minutes as printed by Councilmember Jinks, Second by Moore. All in favor.

Second Reading Unified Land Development Ordinance- Motion to accept second reading by Councilmember O' Banner, Second by Moore. All in favor except Councilmember Cook who opposed the ordinance.

Councilmember Cook informed the Mayor he had to leave because he had some things he needed to take care of. Councilmember O' Banner said she need to make a suggestion or comment on the area that bothers her with the ordinance is property owners who had a piece of property less than 10,000 sq. feet. I do not think they should have to come before anyone in order to build on the property again if it has been destroyed. They need to be able to build without going through the appeal board. Building inspector Doug Mixson said if it is less than 10,000 sq. feet and it burned, they will be able to build on the same piece of property without having to go through councils or the appeal board to ask permission to build. Mayor Goodwin said we would address this prior to the third reading. The concern is existing houses on lots less than 10,000 sq. ft if destroyed, the homeowner will be able to rebuild. Mobile homes are already covered. They have (7) days.

Andrews Engineering- David Karlyk along with Bob Gault, who is in charge of the construction project came before the council to find out about setback and buffers requirements for homes and get guidelines on how homes must be placed for the subdivision. Mayor Goodwin said that the land ordinance, which just passed the second reading, is a working document. He told them to read through the ordinance so that he could understand the possible regulations and they would be working with Doug Mixson, county building inspector. He will be the one who basically administers the ordinance. Your company can either go ahead and comply with the proposed ordinance or hold off on construction until we finish the process. Bob Gault said a contractor out of Charleston is coming to start pouring the foundation on one of the homes within three to four weeks.

Fire Dept.- Alfred Washington said last month was busy. There was a good turn out at nighttime by volunteers. The fire engine we took to Savannah

last month, the repair shop said it seems to be a minor problem. They are looking for the parts right now. We have not found a fireman yet. We have not received any applications, but we have until 15th for deadline. Mayor Goodwin said he feel that we will get some applications in by then.

Police Dept.- Chief Hagy said April was a busy month. There was a total of 211 calls; a lot of accidents and disabled vehicles. The only serious things we had was a guy went into several businesses and when he lifted up his shirt he had a weapon on him. We received a letter from Mrs. Phillips about her luggage that was left at the train station, thanking the police dept., mayor, and citizens of Yemassee for being honest, good people.

Faye Allan- Ms. Allan said she is submitting the following bills for reimbursement due to her sewage problems on April 17th:

Motel \$31.27

Supplies for Cleaning \$18.00

Cleaning 75.00

Bathroom Rugs \$25.00

Eckerd Drugs \$20.47

The items come to a total of \$169.74. She said this is not the first time she had this problem. She said also there will be medical bills to follow. She went to the emergency room for problems resulting from this. Mayor Goodwin informed Ms. Allan that the information would be submitted to town attorney for review before any decisions are made in this matter. Mayor Goodwin said he would call the attorney tomorrow.

S. Yisrael- Mr. Yisrael wanted to know should political signs be governed by land use ordinance. Mayor Goodwin said when the time comes for that decision to be made the first recommendation will come from Mr. Doug Mixson and then from there we will move to whatever his decision is. He also wanted to know what authority does Hampton County have with Beaufort County. Mayor Goodwin said property in Yemassee is governed by rules in Yemassee. Councilmember Jinks said he lives in Beaufort County but govern by Town Of Yemassee.

Josephine Anderson- of Poppi's Fashion Hwy 17-A asked about the no parking sign on the sidewalk of her business. She said her customers are having trouble getting into the parking area of her business because of the

slope at the sidewalk that is damaging vehicles. Mayor Goodwin said we would get the highway dept. to come look at the location.

Lowcountry Food Bank- Mr. Jermaine Husser, agency relations coordinator, said that the organization has established a food bank in Yemassee. The food bank opened last week, which is located on 1 Guess Drive and will be serving people in Hampton, Beaufort, and Jasper Counties. We have been in the Charleston area for five years. The program is to feed the hungry. Mr. Husser said if an agency is interested in shopping at the location and is not already set up with the bank, the organization could fill out a short application with the Food Bank so that they can be serve. He said they are extremely interest in getting churches involved in the effort and we need all local leaders to help in the fight against hunger. The hours of operation will be 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday and Thursday.

Rev. Genardry B. Deaussaure – Rev. Deaussaure wrote a letter requesting to have their street name change from Tim East Drive to Oliver Driver upon request also from residents living on the street. Motion to change street name by Councilmember Moore, Second by Councilmember Jinks. All in favor.

Mayor Goodwin said this past week Councilmember Jinks, Alfred Washington and I went to Hampton to meet with C-Fund Committee about sidewalk for Railroad Avenue. The committee listened to our request. We explain to them that this is a great safety hazard down there for the children in that neighborhood. Councilmember Jinks talked to all the people concerning the easement of their property. He said he was informed that C-Fund Committee passed the request that same night.

Combahee River – Councilmember Jinks said the river landing at Riverside location was clogged up. County and DHEC gave us a permit to clean it out so David Steinmeyer from County went and drudge land to made it deeper. Now boater can go in and out without fighting the problem as they did for the past two years. The work was completed today.

Accident at Combahee River this past week resulted in a fatality of Bill LaBar. Many people are concern about the size of boats that comes up in that part of the river and speed in which they are traveling. Faye Allan and some others had started a petition to get the size of boat motors restricted that are put into Combahee River between Sugar Hill Landing and the Public

Landing location. Mayor Goodwin said after the accidents and fatality that have occurred on the river everyone feel that something need to be done to ensure their safety while on Combahee River. Alton Searson said we need to get the news media involve in this so we can have the pubic output. If we do not get news media involve people would not know what going on in Combahee River. Councilmember Jinks advised everyone to sign the petition.

Mayor Goodwin said on purchasing the land for the basketball court, I have some donations that have been promised to us but has not arrived yet. My deadline is Thursday, with permission from Councilmembers I would like to write a check from the general fund in the amount of \$700.00 to cover the remaining costs and when donations comes in we will place it back into general fund. Motion to get fund out of general fund by Councilmember O'Banner, Second by Councilmember Moore. All in favor.

Motion to adjourned meeting by Councilmember Jinks, Second by Councilmember Moore.