

**Minutes**  
**Town of Yemassee Town Council**  
**November 10, 2020 Town Council Meeting; 6:30PM**  
101 Town Cir, Yemassee, SC 29945

**Attendance:**

Present: Mayor Colin Moore, Mayor Pro-Tem Peggy O'Banner, Councilmember Alfred Washington, Chief Gregory Alexander, Town Clerk Matthew Garnes

Absent: Council Member(s) Hagan & Simmons

Media Present: Lowcountry Inside Track Ltd.

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**Call to Order:**

Mayor Moore called the Tuesday, November 10, 2020 Town Council Meeting to order at 6:30PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation:**

Council Member O'Banner gave the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent of the Agenda:**

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

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve the October 13, 2020 Town Council Meeting Minutes. Council Member Washington made the motion to approve as presented. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member O'Banner. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**

**Old Business:**

Mayor Moore read the proposed Ordinance 20-16, Amending the Town of Yemassee Code, Chapter 5, Section(s) 5.601 through 5.619 titled "Flood Damage Control" and turned over discussion to Mr. Garnes. Mr. Garnes explained that this Ordinance replaces the existing Town Ordinance on flooding and brings it in line with what South Carolina Department of Natural Resources considers the most up to date version. This all came down subsequent to FEMA adopting new FIRM maps for Beaufort County. SC DNR advised that our ordinance is extremely outdated and needs to be updated as well as adopt copies of the new FIRM maps prior to March 23, 2021, which is when they go into effect. If it was to remain as is, the Town would be suspended from the NFIP program. Council Member O'Banner made the motion to approve second and final reading on Ordinance 20-16. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor, **Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore read proposed Ordinance 20-17, Consideration of an Ordinance Approving Annexation of Approximately 2.00 Acres at 84 Reeves Street, Hampton County TMS: 198-00-00-204. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve second and final reading. Council Member Washington made the motion. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member O'Banner. All in favor, **Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore read proposed Ordinance 20-18, Consideration of an Ordinance Approving Annexation of Approximately 0.50 Acres at 244 Cochran Street, Hampton County TMS: 198-00-00-247. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve second and final reading. Council Member Washington made the motion. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member O'Banner. All in favor, **Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore read proposed Ordinance 20-19, Consideration of an Ordinance Approving Annexation of Approximately 3.00 Acres on Louis Davis Road, Hampton County TMS: 197-00-00-025. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve second and final reading. Council Member O'Banner made the motion. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor, **Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore read proposed Ordinance 20-20, Consideration of an Ordinance Approving Annexation of Approximately 0.40 Acres at 80 Cochran Street, Hampton County TMS: 198-00-00-106. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve second and final reading. Council Member Washington made the motion. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member O'Banner. All in favor, **Motion Passed.**

#### **New Business:**

Mayor Moore read proposed Ordinance 20-21, Consideration of an Ordinance Approving Annexation of Approximately Two Parcels, totaling 3.10 Acres on Cochran Street, Hampton County TMS: 198-00-00-195 & 198-00-00-317. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve first reading. Council Member Washington made the motion. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member O'Banner. All in favor, **Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore read proposed Ordinance 20-22, Consideration of an Ordinance Approving Annexation of Approximately 2.96 Acres on Yemassee Hwy, Hampton County TMS: 197-00-00-117. Mr. Garnes informed Council that this parcel is the town owned former dump site on SC-68. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve first reading. Council Member O'Banner made the motion. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor, **Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore read proposed Ordinance 20-23, Consideration of an Emergency Ordinance Extending the Requirement for Individuals to Wear Face Coverings in Certain Circumstances in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic; and matters related thereto. Mr. Garnes briefed the Council and said this is the same Ordinance as before but with an updated expiration date. Mr. Garnes advised that SC DHEC commended local municipalities for instituting mask ordinances Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve first and final reading. Council Member Washington made

the motion. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member O'Banner. All in favor, **Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore read proposed Ordinance 20-23, Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Town of Yemassee Schedule of Rates & Fees. Mr. Garnes informed the Council the update increases the rental fee of the Harold Peeples field and no other charges were amended. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve first reading. Council Member O'Banner made the motion. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor, **Motion Passed.**

### **Department Reports**

Police Department – Chief Alexander provided the Council with statistics on the Operation Rolling Thunder that the Police Department participated in. He reported that Officer Mebane was involved in a motor vehicle accident up there and is currently out on Workman's Comp. The Vehicle he was driving is totaled and it is anticipated we will receive \$8,000.00 for the scrap value of the car.

Administration – Mr. Garnes gave a brief summary on activity of the Administration Department. The Town sponsored additional COVID-19 testing sites in October and has another three-day block scheduled November 30 – December 2.

Public Works – None

Municipal Court - None

### **Public Comment:**

Stephen Henson (17 Mixon St) – Mr. Henson inquired if there was a local ordinance regulating golf carts on public roadways within the Town of Yemassee. There has been increased golf cart traffic and is concerned if there is not an Ordinance that it could create a gray area. Chief Alexander commented that golf carts are regulated by state law.

Council Member O'Banner thanked everyone who helped at the Veterans Memorial Park dedication last weekend.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Moore asked for motion to adjourn. Council Member Washington made the motion to adjourn. Second by Council Member O'Banner. All in favor, **Meeting Adjourned at 7:02PM**